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Bryan Robson, who rejoined West Ham last month, is seen in his "second debut" for The Hammers challenging Ipswich Town centre-half Allan Hunter.

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The season so far...in the Football League

GOALS...GATES... TRANSFERS ALL UP!

THERE's no doubt about it — in many ways this season kicked-off to a brighter start than last.

Overall, though, perhaps there wasn't quite as much change for the better as might optimistically have been hoped.

George Best came back, and that was good. He also got sent-off, which wasn't. And far less imaginable was the dismissal in the very next match of his Fulham teammate, the apparently "unflappable" Bobby Moore.

Both for alleged dissent — the power of the voice, in some refs' eyes, strangely being regarded as mightier, for red-card purposes, than that of the lunging boot!

Nonetheless, argue that point how you may, discipline must be maintained — and, regrettably, the standard of that on the field showed no marked improvement.

The fourth League Saturday saw five offenders sent packing — and, as three of them were skippers, there doesn't seem much excuse.

Gates were up — not that much yet, but in quite consistently encouraging fashion.

In ten of the first 11 Saturdays of the League season — the inevitable "odd-man-out" being that weekend when, with important World Cup-ties pending, only one First Division game was played — the overall average gate was up on last season.

Up, too, were goals — the overall average being higher in nine of these same eleven League Saturdays — and that can't be bad, either.

Derby hammered Spurs 8-2 to become the first Division One side to hit that mark since Everton beat Southampton 8-0 in November, 1971.

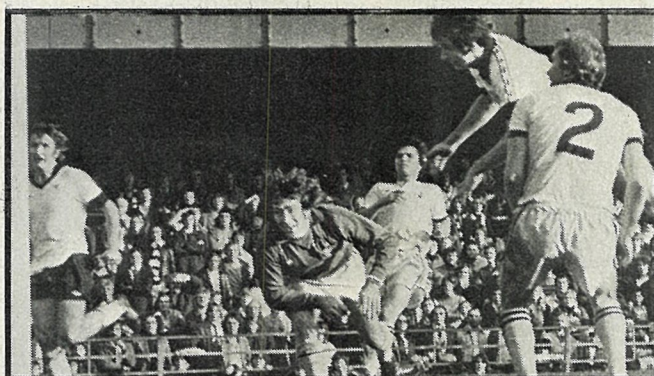
Lower down in the Third, breezy Brighton hit seven against both York and Walsall.

And there was an above-average crop of sixes around — Wolves, Southampton, and Wrexham all breaking away from modern "tradition" actually to have the nerve to go on all-out attack and score their half-dozen away from home!

Charlton, Blackburn, Forest and Colchester also all banged in the same number on their own grounds before October was out. And Halifax, also with six, and Ipswich (seven) carried on the good work in the first week of November.

Ranged against these plus-factors, the blight of hooliganism remained to keep many would-be fans in fear of the terraces and nearby streets.

In fact, the Glasgow Rangers' riot in the quaintly-named "friendly" at Villa Park in October was more frightening than anything seen last season.



Unfortunately, that's a long-term problem which simply can't be solved overnight — and perhaps the best we can hope for is the vast majority of decent spectators will slowly but surely help ensure their own commonsense prevails.

And by so doing encourage lapsed, fearful — and, especially, new — fans to come along and boost the gates even more than the recent modest upward trend.

In the current unpredictable economic climate, it was generally assumed that the transfer-market — at least in big-fee terms — would be sluggish.

Most surprisingly, it wasn't. The pound may have fallen flat on its face — but the fees didn't.

August, September, and October, 1975, saw just one six-figure fee each month — with a top of £140,000.

But the same three months this year — spearheaded by the £333,000 "Supernac" super-move — produced eight.

Five of those were of £200,000 or over, with another just nudging

Bruce Rioch (above) powers home his fourth goal in Derby's 8-2 thrashing of Spurs at the Baseball Ground. Malcolm Macdonald (right) was sold by Newcastle to Arsenal for £333,000. Fulham's George Best (below) was sent off against Southampton.



SIX-FIGURE TRANSFERS

1975	
August:	TERRY HIBBITT (Newcastle to Birmingham; £100,000)
September:	WILLIE YOUNG (Aberdeen to Spurs; £140,000)
October:	ANDY GRAY (Dundee United to Aston Villa; £110,000)
1976	
August:	MALCOLM MACDONALD (Newcastle to Arsenal; £333,000)
	DAVID JOHNSON (Ipswich to Liverpool; £200,000)
	TERRY YORATH (Leeds to Coventry; £135,000)
September:	BOB LEE (Leicester to Sunderland; £200,000)
	PETER TAYLOR (Crystal Palace to Spurs; £200,000)
	RAY HANKIN (Burnley to Leeds; £180,000)
	ALEX CROPLEY (Arsenal to Aston Villa; £125,000)
October:	PAUL MARINER (Plymouth to Ipswich; £220,000)

that amount.

And it's in transfers, generally, that the sharpest contrast can be drawn between 1975 and 1976.

A brief of "The Season So Far" doesn't strictly include the preceding close-season — but, transfer-wise, some references must at least be made to what happened just before the real kick-off.

Strongly influenced, it must be admitted, by the new factor of European cash ... the total sum involved in close-season transfers rose quite sharply from £1,616,000 in 1975 to £2,287,000 in the same period in 1976.

The surplus being largely accounted for by cross-Channel clubs snapping-up stars like Duncan McKenzie (£200,000; Leeds to Anderlecht), Roger Davies (£135,000; Derby to Bruges), and Martin Chivers (£80,000; Spurs to Servette of Geneva).

For last summer saw, regrettably, the biggest exodus of British talent since the likes of Charles, Greaves, Law & Co. left to sample Italian soccer before the maximum-wage restrictions were lifted back in 1961.

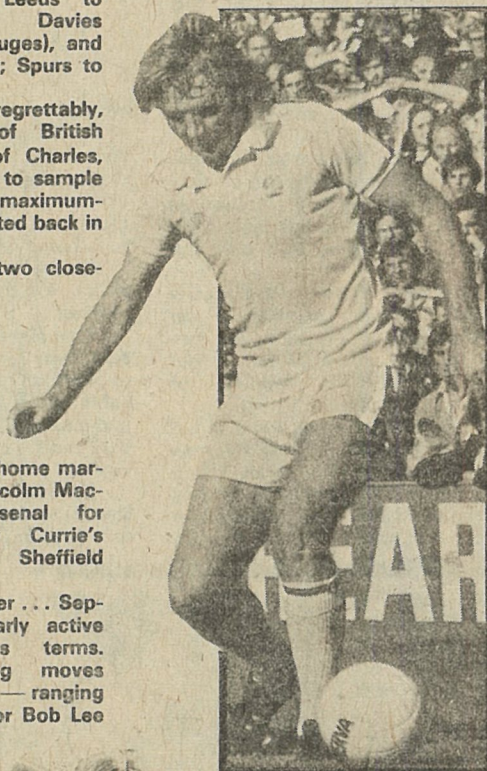
But there were still two close-

(Leicester to Sunderland) and Peter Taylor (Palace to Spurs) to a humble £5,000 for Mike Brophy (Bristol City to Grimsby).

In-between, there were fees of £180,000 and £125,000; four of £80,000 or over; and four more of £50,000 or over.

Into October, the ending of the Paul Mariner saga — which eventually saw him move from Plymouth to Ipswich for £220,000 — was a fee exactly double the highest in the same month last year.

Certainly — and especially in the present hard-up times — it was this sharp activity in the transfer-market which provided the biggest turn-about when comparing the two seasons.



season "big 'uns" in the home market with Newcastle's Malcolm MacDonald going to Arsenal for £333,000, and Tony Currie's £240,000 move from Sheffield United to Leeds.

As to the season-proper ... September was a particularly active month in moneybags terms. Twenty-three fee-paying moves totted-up to £1,439,000 — ranging from £200,000 apiece for Bob Leo



Tony Currie (top) cost Leeds United £240,000 from Sheffield United. One encouraging sign, so far this term, is the increase in attendances.

Leeds had a big hand in it — paying out one huge cheque for Tony Currie before the new campaign opened, followed by another almost as big for Ray Hankin in its early weeks.

But these accompanied the break-up, and re-shaping, of one of the two most consistently successful English teams of the past decade.

For who, only a very few months ago, could have envisaged the homesters trotting out on to the Elland Road pitch minus the likes of Billy Bremner (now Hull), Norman Hunter (Bristol City), Duncan McKenzie (Anderlecht), Terry Yorath

(Coventry), or even that ever-willing sub Mick Bates (Walsall)?

And who would have imagined Leeds after 11 matches — more than a quarter of their First Division programme — languishing near the foot of the table with less than a point a game?

The other half of the pair? Well, no change — not that any was really expected — with the remarkable Liverpool carrying-on 1976-77 just where they left-off 1975-76.

And that's at the top — and, short of the biggest upset of the rest of the season, likely to stay that way ... up there!

A similar feature on the season so far in the Scottish League will appear soon.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE: GOALS AND GATES COMPARED

WEEK No. 1

Saturday, 16 August, 1975 (46 games)

Goals: 101 (average 2.19)

Gates: 555,805 (average 12,082)

Saturday, 21 August, 1976 (46 games)

Goals: 113 (average 2.45)

Gates: 629,817 (average 13,691)

WEEK No. 2

Saturday, 23 August, 1975 (44 games)

Goals: 126 (average 2.86)

Gates: 549,970 (average 12,499)

Saturday, 28 August, 1976 (44 games)

Goals: 109 (average 2.47)

Gates: 551,319 (average 12,529)

WEEK No. 3

Saturday, 30 August, 1975 (42 games)

Goals: 105 (average 2.50)

Gates: 523,535 (average 12,465)

Saturday, 4 September, 1976 (42 games)

Goals: 108 (average 2.57)

Gates: 572,947 (average 13,641)

WEEK No. 4

Saturday, 6 September, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 104 (average 2.41)

Gates: 519,695 (average 12,085)

Saturday, 11 September, 1976 (42 games)

Goals: 128 (average 3.04)

Gates: 526,837 (average 12,543)

WEEK No. 5

Saturday, 13 September, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 118 (average 2.74)

Gates: 500,211 (average 11,632)

Saturday, 18 September, 1976 (43 games)

Goals: 119 (average 2.78)

Gates: 611,890 (average 14,230)

WEEK No. 6

Saturday, 20 September, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 108 (average 2.51)

Gates: 538,073 (average 12,513)

Saturday, 25 September, 1976 (42 games)

Goals: 114 (average 2.71)

Gates: 552,224 (average 13,148)

WEEK No. 7

Saturday, 27 September, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 106 (average 2.46)

Gates: 572,761 (average 13,320)

Saturday, 2 October, 1976 (43 games)

Goals: 134 (average 3.11)

Gates: 641,022 (average 14,907)

WEEK No. 8

Saturday, 4 October, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 92 (average 2.13)

Gates: 522,027 (average 12,140)

Saturday, 9 October, 1976 (**29 games)

Goals: 85 (average 2.93)

Gates: **239,108 (average 8,245)

WEEK No. 9

Saturday, 11 October, 1975 (43 games)

Goals: 99 (average 2.30)

Gates: 560,388 (average 13,032)

Saturday, 16 October, 1976 (42 games)

Goals: 113 (average 2.69)

Gates: 616,794 (average 14,685)

WEEK No. 10

Saturday, 18 October, 1975 (45 games)

Goals: 121 (average 2.68)

Gates: 535,908 (average 11,909)

Saturday, 23 October, 1976 (41 games)

Goals: 116 (average 2.82)

Gates: 573,176 (average 13,979)

WEEK No. 11

Saturday, 25 October, 1975 (44 games)

Goals: 114 (average 2.59)

Gates: 577,223 (average 13,116)

Saturday, 30 October, 1976 (41 games)

Goals: 95 (average 2.31)

Gates: 600,461 (average 14,645)

WEEK No. 12

Saturday, 1 November, 1975 (42 games)

Goals: 109 (average 2.59)

Gates: 526,768 (average 12,542)

Saturday, 6 November 1976 (41 games)

Goals: 113 (average 2.75)

Gates: 558,933 (average 13,632)

(**Top games postponed prior to World Cup-ties)

'Where have all the 'HARD-MEN' gone?'

HEREFORD United manager John Sillett is alarmed at the changing trend of football. "We are being brainwashed into Continental habits at the expense of our traditional British game," he argues.

"The 'hard men' who helped make our game the best in the world would be whistled out of sight today under the way rules are being interpreted and applied."

Tell Sillett that crowds want the fancy patterns of European football and he has plenty of ammunition ready to fire. "Send the loyal British supporter to Italy for a year and he would be screaming to come home after six months!"

Sillett is dismayed as the disappearance of the powerful tackler. "Show me the next Norman Hunter," he demands. "There isn't one because referees are penalising this kind of player out of football."

"We are looking at our problems the wrong way. There seems to be a belief that the great artists of football cannot flourish against the hard tackler. That, at all costs, we must pack our teams with players who weave pretty patterns. What nonsense!"

"I seem to remember Stanley Matthews, Jimmy Logie, Tom Finney, Len Shackleton and so many more being stars in the so-called 'hard' era. Players like them today wouldn't come amiss in our national teams."

asks Hereford boss JOHN SILLETT

There are few firmer disciplinarians in football today than the burly Sillett.

Recently he lashed out at ace midfielder Jimmy Lindsay who backheeled a boot into the face of an opponent. Nor did Sillett take his stand behind closed doors.

Without waiting to be asked by journalists in his after match Press conference, Sillett announced he

had heavily fined the impetuous Lindsay.

"What he did was diabolical. I never want to see him or any other of my players do such a thing again," he stormed. "Jimmy is too good a player to resort to that kind of action — and, to be fair, I've never known him do anything like it before. I believe I've made sure he won't do it again either."

Sillett reflects deeply on the current evils in football.

"What we must rule out is the over-the-top foul. That is dangerous and vicious. It is the one foul that managers, coaches and players all dread."

"That is the one we should concentrate on, especially rather than this tackle-from-behind situation. In my view, you can tackle fairly from behind — providing you play the ball."

Every time a Hereford player is booked, Sillett considers the evidence. "If, in my view, he has been booked correctly for a foul which contains a measure of violence, I fine him."

"If, however, he has gone down into the notebook — and referees are not God — for merely being hard, I take the view he is playing football the way the game should be played. It is interpretations that are

wrong, not the player."

If Sillett's convictions means swimming against the tide, then that is what he will do. Certainly it is difficult to argue against the background of Hereford's success that he is being wilfully obstinate.

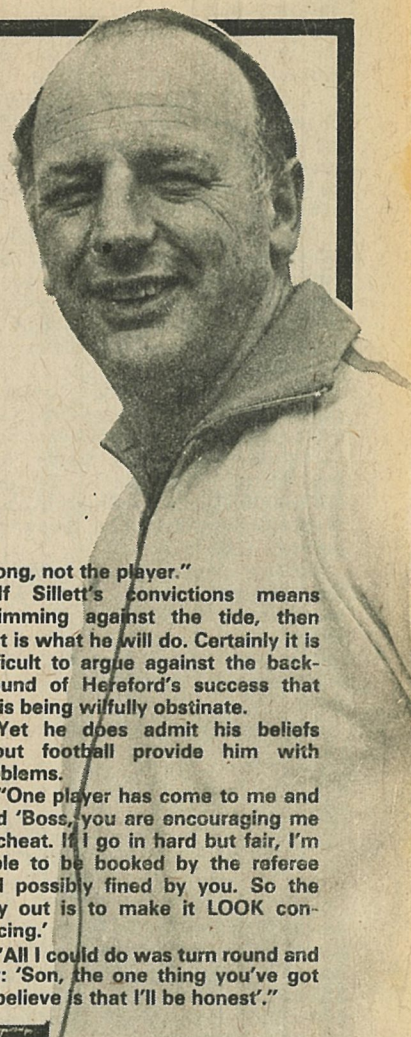
Yet he does admit his beliefs about football provide him with problems.

"One player has come to me and said 'Boss, you are encouraging me to cheat. If I go in hard but fair, I'm liable to be booked by the referee and possibly fined by you. So the way out is to make it LOOK convincing.'"

"All I could do was turn round and say: 'Son, the one thing you've got to believe is that I'll be honest.'"



NORMAN HUNTER



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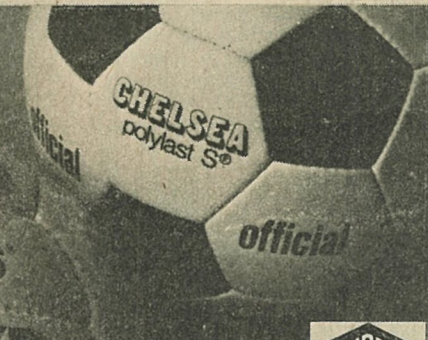
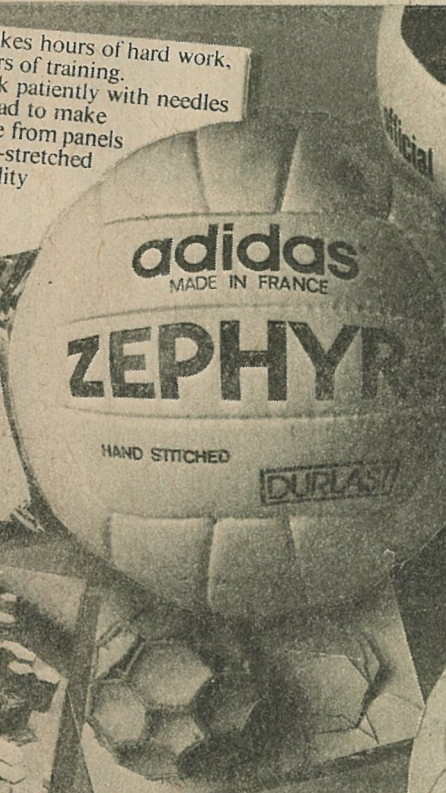
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IT'S THE WINNER!

After a superbly-timed run, Q.P.R.'s Dave Clement smashed the ball home for a tremendous winning goal against Aston Villa.

Following their 8-2 thrashing by Derby, Spurs bounced back and beat Birmingham 1-0. Left . . . Keith Osgood scores the winner from the penalty-spot.



Right . . . Steve Heighway blasts home Liverpool's goal against Norwich at Anfield in a 1-0 victory.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Ian Fulcher of Scarborough, Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

GIVE STAN A CHANCE

WHY is it that whenever Stan Bowles of Q.P.R. plays there are always some fans booing him?

They ought to give him a chance to prove he's international-class and not just someone who's diving in the penalty-area.

The only way to stop Stan is to foul him — he has too much skill for defenders.

Stan often brings fun into a game by joking with other players, which the crowd misinterprets.

Despite his off-field problems, Stan's form is unaffected and he is mastering the art of controlling his temper.



● I'm a Stan (above) fan, he has the most delicate close skills in Britain, but I still think defenders can put him off his game by unfair tactics.

Two Stars

RECENTLY Barnsley sold two of their best players to First Division clubs — Martin Gorry (Newcastle) and Anton Otulakowski (West Ham).

They did so to ease their financial difficulties.

This is also why Fourth Division clubs stay Fourth Division clubs and First Division clubs remain First Division clubs.

DAVID WRAGG,
BARNSELY.

● Perhaps in West Ham's case, their status will change at the end of this season. Barnsley's alternative may have been to go broke. And as a true fan, I'm sure you wouldn't want that.

First For Us

I WOULD like to thank you for your recent article on apartheid and politics in sport.

I wholeheartedly agree with Gerry Francis that the two shouldn't affect sporting ties between countries.

SHOOT/GOAL is the first overseas soccer magazine I've read where a South African — the secretary of our F.A. — has been given the chance of airing his views openly without the interference of busybodies who aren't doing much better in their own countries.

MICHAEL LEVINSOHN,
TRANSVAAL,
SOUTH AFRICA.

● We like to give everybody in soccer a chance to speak his mind ... even if we don't necessarily agree with his views.

Exchange

I WOULD like to write to some followers of Q.P.R., Arsenal and Manchester United to exchange ideas, pictures, scarves etc.

I prefer girls rather than boys ...

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FRANCE.

Double Values

STOKE City manager Tony Waddington criticised his goalkeeper Peter Shilton following an error against Newcastle — "a schoolgirl blunder" he said.

Isn't football hypocritical? Jimmy Bloomfield suspended Frank Worthington for the player's honesty in saying City were not playing good football.

But it seems managers can say what they like without any comeback.

They ought to set the right example.

I'd love to know Shilton's private thoughts about Waddington.

TONY BROCKMAN,
FINCHLEY.

● We're supposed to live in a free country. But some soccer folk — not players — are freer than others.

'LONDON-OUR

SATURDAY we're down in London for the first time this season to play our away League game with Arsenal, our bogey side. Apart from Highbury, the big city has always been a happy hunting ground for Liverpool, both in the League and the Cups.

In the past two seasons, if my memory serves me right, we have lost only three times in London, once to Queens Park Rangers, at the start of last season when we were definitely suffering from a hectic so-called close season, and twice against The Gunners.

Last season they really took a leaf out of our book by scoring the winner — the only goal of the game — in the dying minutes, something we've made a speciality of ourselves.

A free-kick came across from the left and there was John Radford to head home and rob us of a point we felt we deserved.

The title race was starting to hot up at that time — the end of February — and we came away worried in case that dropped point would prove costly in the final analysis.

But we went on to lose only one other game — ironically against Middlesbrough at Anfield, our own patch — and finished one point ahead of Q.P.R.

Traditional

Our chances of getting our first win at Highbury since 1973-74, when we won 2-0, look bright because we won't be up against what I regard as a traditional Arsenal side. Since signing Malcolm Macdonald they're not the well-drilled, consistent outfit we've come to expect.

The trouble is that Supremac is not really their kind of player. He's been used to a constant stream of balls being played up to him, and is finding it difficult to create his own chances and also to work for other players.

I can think of three or four other clubs where he would have fitted in well, and received the sort of service he had at Newcastle.

"Super" has fared reasonably well against us. He's put six goals in total past Ray Clemence, and three of them came in one match, his home League debut for Newcastle.

Arsenal's main dangerman is likely to be Frank Stapleton, one of the few newcomers to stand out this season, who has scored eight goals at the time of writing.

Frank's success has coincided with Supremac's slump, so it may well be due to Super drawing defenders' attention away from him and presenting him with more freedom to operate.

Apart from Stapleton, a player I

must mention is David O'Leary, who played so immaculately for the Republic of Ireland against England several weeks ago at Wembley, and whom Supremac describes as "the best centre-half in English football."

David is not only a good destroyer, he can create as well with his clever distribution of the ball.

Then there's Alan Ball. He always does well against us, through his past experience of playing in Merseyside derbies with Everton.

Highbury, with its air of tradition, and exciting crowd atmosphere, is my favourite ground in London. When it was built it was years ahead of its time, and still matches the best in Britain for facilities. Even the dressing-room floors are heated in the winter.

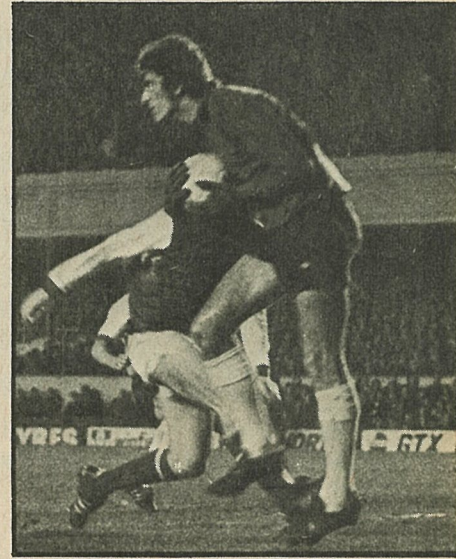
It's like a trip down football's memory lane, standing on the foyer's marble floor with its mosaic in the shape of an old-fashioned gun. I can imagine all the old-time "greats" there with me.

As I stated earlier, I think we can lay our bogey and obtain a good result in this match, but it's not going to be easy. Although compared with previous sides, Arsenal are not well-organised, they will still fight for 90 minutes.

Another London club in a similar transitional state are near-neighbours Tottenham Hotspur, now managed by Keith Burkinshaw, an old friend of mine from my Scunthorpe United days, who took over when Terry Neill left to rejoin Arsenal, the club he once played for, as boss.

Spurs must reconcile themselves to suffering setbacks, such as their 8-2 defeat by Derby, before they regain their status as one of England's leading clubs.

I'm convinced they have the players, and the man at the helm, and the support to make a comeback.



HAPPY HUNTING GROUND'

Terry and Keith are young managers who probably console themselves with the knowledge that the likes of Bill Shankly, Bill Nicholson and Sir Matt Busby had to endure bad spells in their careers before they became famous.

The troubles of Arsenal and Spurs are small compared with those of West Ham, who have had a terrible start to the season and are under the shadow of relegation already.

Despite the assurances of Trevor Brooking that The Hammers will do another escape act, as they have done in the past two seasons, I believe they need a near-miracle to avoid the fate every First Division team dreads.

Losing becomes a habit, and once you get into it, it's difficult to shake off. Every game becomes a four-pointer, with the pressure becoming so intense that a team's natural game suffers.

Buying Pop Robson back from Sunderland was a shrewd move. Loved by the fans, able to slot into the framework straight away, he's a born goal-hunter. He's also the very lively, friendly guy who can help

create a good atmosphere in the dressing-room, a vital factor in morale.

In our next match against a London club — on December 11th — we'll meet Queens Park Rangers, The Super-hoops. Last season they ran us so close in the Championship we had to get at least a draw against Wolves at Molineux in our last League game to take the title. As you probably know, we won 3-1, although their Steve Kindon had given us a fright by opening the scoring.

Rangers, after a stuttering start this term, are beginning to reassert themselves as London's top side. Providing Stan Bowles can stay on the rails and not get into trouble by walking out or whatever — I don't think he's yet played a full season for them — and they steer clear of injuries to key players, they will be up there challenging again.

London seems to be making more of an impact in the Second Division with Charlton, Fulham and Chelsea.

Charlton's Derek Hales has hit the headlines with his scoring feats. Southampton's Mike Channon has



keep up with
**KEVIN
KEEGAN**

more publicity than all the capital's other clubs put together. Not only are the twosome bringing in more customers at Craven Cottage, other clubs are benefiting, too, with increased gate revenue.

I don't want to sound a sour note, but for all the good Bestie and Rodney are doing, I can't see Fulham gaining promotion.

Chelsea, with a team of youngsters hitting form, look certain to rejoin the First, where they rightfully belong.

I can visualise Butch Wilkins, destined to become a big name for club and country, taking Chelsea on to even bigger things.

London may be something of a depressed area at present, with few achievements in recent years, but soccer has a habit of moving in cycles and overall the city's soccer is starting on an upward swing.

Meet me again next week.

Best of luck —

Kevin Keegan

West Ham goalkeeper Mervyn Day dives at the feet of Ipswich Town's Brian Talbot.

Below... last season, Liverpool lost at Highbury to a last-minute Arsenal goal by John Radford.



Hammers have got into a losing habit'

seen him in action and says that Derek resembles Gerd Muller, that fabulous goal machine of Bayern Munich, the triple European Champions. Praise indeed.

Providing he avoids a scoring slump, and injuries, he must be odds-on to reach the target of 30 League goals he so narrowly missed last term and win that £10,000 prize from a national newspaper for himself and his club.

The high-scoring games at The Valley are certainly giving fans value for money.

Fulham, since signing those two super showmen George Best and Rodney Marsh, are probably getting

'But Arsenal have beaten us in our last two visits'



MICKEY WALSH (right, light shorts, v. Plymouth) is worth twice as much as Malcolm Macdonald!

That's the controversial claim made by Blackpool manager Allan Brown, no doubt influenced by the continued scoring exploits of his Republic of Ireland striker.

"Mickey possesses better ball control than Supermac and he's not such a one-sided player.

"He's already scored some memorable goals this season, and I could sell him to half a dozen First Division clubs tomorrow if I wanted," he said.

Millwall's Gordon Jago will testify to Walsh's aptitude for the spectacular.

"He won the Goal of the Year award on television two years ago, but one of the two he scored against us recently was even better.

WHY MICKEY WALSH IS BETTER THAN SUPERMAC



WHO IS OUR STANLEY?

THAT'S another fine mess you've got us into, Stanley! The problem is: Who is dressed up like the thin half of Laurel and Hardy fame?

A clue: Our man Stanley is also an entertainer. Answer at the bottom of the page.



The mystery Stanley is Q.P.R. star Stan Bowles.

BIG TOM Forsyth, Rangers' Scottish international defender, could soon represent his country at another sport — bowls.

For Tom is an experienced player on the bowling green — and has already qualified for the Scottish Championships next summer.

A good performance would almost certainly mean he would be "capped" by the bowlers.

First Round facts

● Stockport County, playing in Saturday's (November 20th) F.A. Cup First Round, have not got beyond that stage in the competition for seven seasons — the worst record of a Football League club.

● Hard-up Third and Fourth Division clubs looking for extra cash from the F.A. Cup will not have forgotten that the 40 First Round-ties last season drew more than 200,000 fans for the fourth time in five years — although the figure of 203,064 was 6,807 down on the 1974 total.

● Will the non-League clubs break their own year-old record on Saturday?

Last season 14 went through to the Second Round — a post-War best, topping the total of 13 in both 1953 and 1967.

GOALKEEPER Jim Montgomery, who recently signed for Southampton on loan from Sunderland, has claimed a record: "I must be the only man to play for the two Second Division clubs to win the F.A. Cup in the past 45 years."

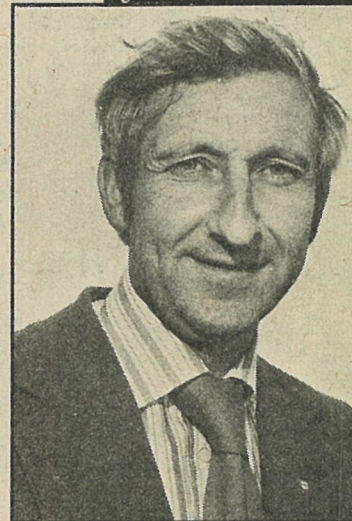


Sorry, London

WHAT are the chances of Arsenal winning the Championship this season? Not very good. Only three times in the last 21 years have a London club won the League title ... Arsenal in 1971, Spurs in 1961 and Chelsea in 1955.

● Ards have signed Crusaders' forward Bobby McQuilland, who played against Liverpool in this season's European Cup.

ABERDEEN manager Ally MacLeod (below) was chosen as Mackinlay's Scotch Whisky Football Personality of the Month for October. Runner-up was St. Mirren boss Alex Ferguson.



MR. RELIABLE — that's Notts County trainer Jack Wheeler.

In his days as a player, Jack was an ever-present in the entire defence which played in all 42 League games one season for Huddersfield Town.

Now he has a record of over 1,000 consecutive appearances as trainer at Meadow Lane.

Oh, for a few more Jack Wheelers!

CREWE boss Harry Gregg is predicting a fine future for 18-year-old midfielder Paul Mayman.

"Not only Paul, but also Hughie Cheetham and Paul Bowles. These three lads are going right to the top. I will even take bets on it."

For the sake of Gresty Road fans, let's hope the club can hold on to them.

LAST season Mick Meagan and his son Mark played in the same Shamrock Rovers team. Mick was then player-manager but has since been replaced. Mark, however, is still in the side.

PETERBOROUGH'S recent home match against Oxford United was their 750th League game. They won 2-0. Posh striker John Cozens made his 100th appearance for the club, but failed to score.

● York City signing Tony Young, who had his contract cancelled by Charlton, gave the perfect reply to The Valiants, on his debut at Bootham Crescent. He scored the first goal in a 2-1 win against Oxford Utd.

LOOKING to the future ... Bruce Rioch, now in a striking role for Derby, has opened a do-it-yourself shop.

The Scottish international has not chosen to site it in the Derby area, though.

The shop is in Kingstanding, Birmingham, just up the road from Villa Park, where he played before his move to the Baseball Ground.

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It's all Greek to us

HERE'S a copy of AEK's programme for their recent U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Derby in Athens. Costing four drachmas (8½p) the programme consists of a single sheet of paper, blank on the back.

See how many of the Derby team you can decipher.

The team in Athens was: Moseley, Thomas, Nish, Macken, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Gemmill, Rioch, George and James. Sub. King.

● From the DERBY EVENING TELEGRAPH.

● Former West Ham and Bournemouth winger Harry Redknapp recently signed for Southern Leaguers AP Leamington. Next summer, Harry hopes to return as player-coach to Jimmy Gabriel's Seattle side in the United States.

ALLAN Clarke (Leeds), Chris Lawler (Portsmouth), David Johnson (Liverpool), Ray Kennedy (Liverpool) and Peter Taylor (Spurs) have something in common. They form the select group of players who scored on their international debuts for England.

TELEVISION star Robin Bailey, Uncle Mort in the popular B.B.C. comedy series "I Didn't Know You Cared", has been made an honorary member of the Notts County Supporters' Club. "I was a season ticket holder before the War," said Robin. "I don't get much chance to watch The Magpies these days but I get to as many matches as I can."

FANS OF Edinburgh's Big Two, Hearts and Hibs, were shocked recently to learn of the death at 37 of former Scotland player Willie Hamilton. Hamilton, who had spells with both clubs, also played with Aston Villa for a time.

THIRD Division Crystal Palace are to throw open the use of their medical facilities to the sporting public. Their gymnasium will be open for two hours every evening for the treatment of sports' injuries and also traumatic medical conditions. All treatment will be supervised by state-registered physiotherapists and there will be a special executive gymnasium three nights a week for businessmen and former hospital patients who have suffered coronaries.

RECORD

LEN BOND, Bristol City's 22-year-old goalkeeper, has created something of a unique record.

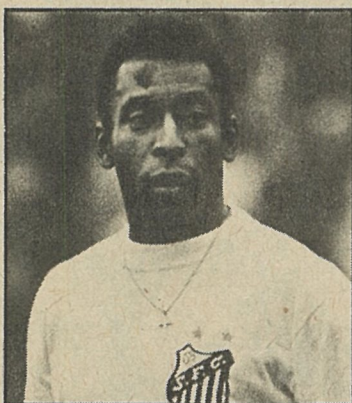
Dropped by City in January, 1974, he did not regain his first-team place for 33 months — and in that time he played for six other clubs!

He went on loan to Exeter, Cardiff, Torquay, Scunthorpe and Colchester and spent last summer playing for American side St. Louis Stars.

PELE v. VILLA again?

PELE (below), the legendary Brazilian star, could be on his way back to Villa Park.

He hopes to make an appearance there before Christmas in a testimonial for Aston Villa's



former long-serving full-back Charlie Aitken.

Pele and Charlie were teammates during the summer with New York Cosmos in the North American League.

The great Brazilian was at Villa Park in February, 1972, playing for Santos in a friendly.

Charlie has to report back to Cosmos in February for pre-season training.

At the moment, though, he's busy with the antique furniture shop he's just opened in the main Acocks Green shopping centre.

Grim toll

THREE players ordered off, six others and new player-manager Roy Barry booked.

That was the grim toll taken by referee Allan Ferguson of Glasgow at last month's (October) League match between Raith Rovers and East Fife.

The division was: two Raith players ordered off and four booked; and one East Fife player given his marching orders and three team-mates cautioned.

Quite an afternoon at Stark's Park. The result? Raith won 1-0.

● Dundee, challenging strongly for promotion from the First Division, have turned down a request from their international goalkeeper Thomson Allan for a move.

● Former Newcastle midfielder player Alex Reid was on the move again recently when he joined Premier League Ayr United in a £7,000 transfer from Dundee United.

= IT = HAPPENED THIS WEEK

In 1973 ... The Australians rubbed in England's failure to reach the 1974 World Cup Finals. A Melbourne paper said: "Britain, an island of 55 million Poms, will be green with envy when we play in West Germany." They were right, we were! Power-cuts meant that no floodlights were allowed, so all League games had to kick-off at 2.15. Johnny Hart officially resigned as manager of Manchester City owing to ill health and Frank O'Farrell took over as boss of Cardiff. Ron Saunders resigned as Norwich chief, Bury manager Allan Brown took over at Nottm. Forest and Bobby Smith replaced him.

In 1974 ... The transfer market warmed up with Alf Wood joining Hull from Millwall for £75,000. Luton signed Peter Spirling from Liverpool for £70,000 and Millwall paid Huddersfield £25,000 for Phil Summerill. Doncaster Rovers suspended manager Maurice Setters on full pay. Notts County's Ian Scanlon scored three goals in two minutes and 45 seconds for the second fastest-ever hat-trick.

In 1975 ... A new arm of the law at Griffin Park where Brentford chairman Dan Tana made a "citizen's arrest" when some hooligans used bad language near the directors' box. Ace Celtic winger Jimmy Johnstone signed for Sheffield United. Peter Bonetti made his 500th League appearance for Chelsea when he played against Notts County at Stamford Bridge. Rodney Marsh turned down a transfer to Anderlecht.

● Berwick Rangers have appointed former Rangers' player Dave Smith as their new manager — the club's fourth in less than a year.

Here's wishing you better luck than your predecessors, Dave.

CELTIC have signed goalkeeper Roy Baines from Morton in a player plus cash deal which took midfielder man Andy Ritchie to Cappielow.

Baines, previously with Derby and Hibs, will have to battle it out for a first-team spot with fellow Englishman Peter Latchford.

Ban stays

THE FIVE Scotland players banned for life after alleged incidents following their 1-0 European Championship win against Denmark in Copenhagen in September last year are still no nearer having the ban lifted.

The Scottish F.A. recently rejected a written plea by Spurs centre-half Willie Young, saying it was too soon to change their decision made 14 months ago.

However, it seems certain that in time the five: Young, Billy Bremner (Hull), Pat McCluskey (Celtic), Joe Harper and Arthur Graham (Aberdeen) will be freed from the ban.

MEMBERSHIP of the Ireland Branch of the Manchester United Supporters' Club is now over 1,000.

President of the Club, formed in 1969, is Sir Matt Busby.

Gerry Daly was voted Player of the Year for last season and will receive his award at the annual dinner in the Dublin Sport Hotel next Monday (November 22nd).

United fans in Ireland can join the club by contacting the Secretary Des Healy at 26 Saval Gardens, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, Eire.

FOR THE best part of the season so far Chelsea have been fielding a first-team which includes only one big fee transfer signing. Davie Hay who cost the club £225,000 from Celtic in July, 1974.

Jeff Wealands is on the verge of reaching his double century of first-team games as Hull's 'keeper. Since taking over as his team's number one in 1973-74, Jeff has missed only three matches. He joined Hull from Darlington in the summer of 1972.

NEWCASTLE United's unsettled centre-half John Bird is wanted by Third Division Bury.

Willie Pettigrew has decided that his future lies with Motherwell. He recently signed a new contract with the Fir Park club, after a £200,000-plus deal with Sunderland looked like going through.

OCTOBER TRANSFERS

Terry Austin (Ipswich to Plymouth)
David Carlton (Northampton to Brentford)
Martin Gorry (Barnsley to Newcastle)
Steve Grapes (Norwich C. to Cardiff)
Ricky Heppollette (Orient to Crystal Palace)
Jim Holton (Man. Utd. to Sunderland)
Steve Hoolikin (Bury to Carlisle)
Bobby Hope (Birmingham to Sheff. Wed.)
Norman Hunter (Leeds to Bristol C.)
Mike Laverick (Mansfield to Southend)
Chris McGrath (Spurs to Man. Utd.)
Paul Mariner (Plymouth to Ipswich)
Anton Otulakowski (Barnsley to West Ham)
John Peddelt (Ipswich to Plymouth)
Bryan Robson (Sunderland to West Ham)
Derek Spence (Bury to Blackpool)
John Tudor (Newcastle to Stoke)
Paul Went (Portsmouth to Cardiff)
Alf Wood (Hull to Middlesbrough)

MANAGERS

Ken Hale sacked by Hartlepool, 1-10-76
Arthur Cox appointed to Chesterfield, 8-10-76
Bob Stokoe resigned Sunderland, 18-10-76

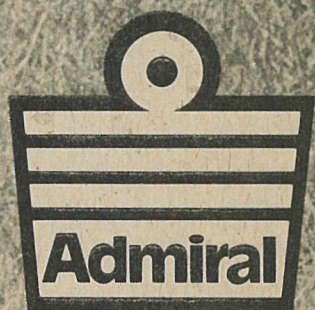
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TOP TEAMS

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LEICESTER CITY

Leicester City first started wearing Admiral kit at the beginning of the current season. Manager Jimmy Bloomfield wanted a completely different identity and designed the kit himself in the traditional Leicester City colours of royal blue and white, with the away strip colours reversed. The club are also wearing a new tracksuit in royal blue with white and red chevrons. This was of course, a home team signing for Admiral whose headquarters are at Leicester.



**Have you changed
into Admiral kit yet?**



OTHER DOMESTIC TROPHIES

IN 1908 the F.A. decided to hold an annual Charity match and accepted an offer from the Football League and the Southern League that the Champion club of each of those competitions should meet for the new silver trophy known then as the Kinraid Charity Shield (Lord Kinraid was President of the F.A.). The first F.A. Charity Shield game was played at Stamford Bridge on Monday, April 27th, 1908, between Manchester United and Queens Park Rangers. Frank Cannon (Q.P.R.) got the first goal and Billy Meredith equalised. There was no further scoring and the replay was held on the same ground on August 29th, 1908, when United won 4-0 before a 30,000 crowd.

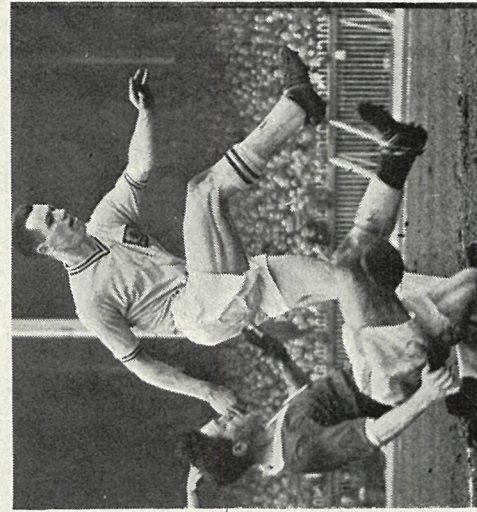
The first County Senior Cup Finals were played in season 1876-77. Wednesday Old Athletic won the Birmingham F.A. trophy by beating the Great Western Railway works team — Stafford Road, and Sheffield Wednesday beat Heeley (after extra-time) to carry off the Sheffield F.A. Cup.

The first Welsh Cup Final was played at Acton Park, Wrexham, in 1878 when Wrexham beat Druids 1-0 with a goal by Jimmy Davies, one of the founders of the Welsh F.A. Wrexham, however, did not receive the trophy until a year later because the F.A. could not afford one.



Billy Meredith played in the first F.A. Charity Shield game in 1908.

Man. United ~1908 Charity Shield winners



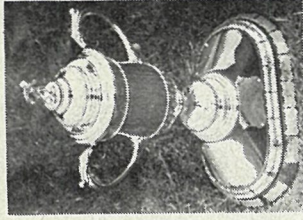
LEFT . . . Peter McParland (light strip) scored Aston Villa's winning goal in the first Football League Cup Final.

The first season of the Football League Cup competition was 1960-61 but the Final was not played until the beginning of the following season. Then Rotherham United beat Aston Villa 2-0 in the first leg, but Villa won the second leg 3-0 in pouring rain at Villa Park with centre-forward Peter McParland getting the winner during extra-time.

Leicester City inside-right, Jimmy Walsh, was the first player to score a hat-trick in the Football League Cup. He scored three goals in a 4-0 win over Mansfield Town at Filbert Street, First Round, October 12th, 1960.

SCOTTISH CUP

HEARTS PENALTY~GOAL VERSUS HIBS



The Scottish Cup — first played for in 1874.

QUEEN'S Park was the first club to score over 50 goals in a single season of Scottish Cup games. This was in 1879-80 when they scored 53 goals and conceded only five. Their victories included 14-1 v. 19th L.R.V., 10-1 v. Strathblane, and 15-1 v. Hurlford. In the Final they beat Thornliebank 3-0.

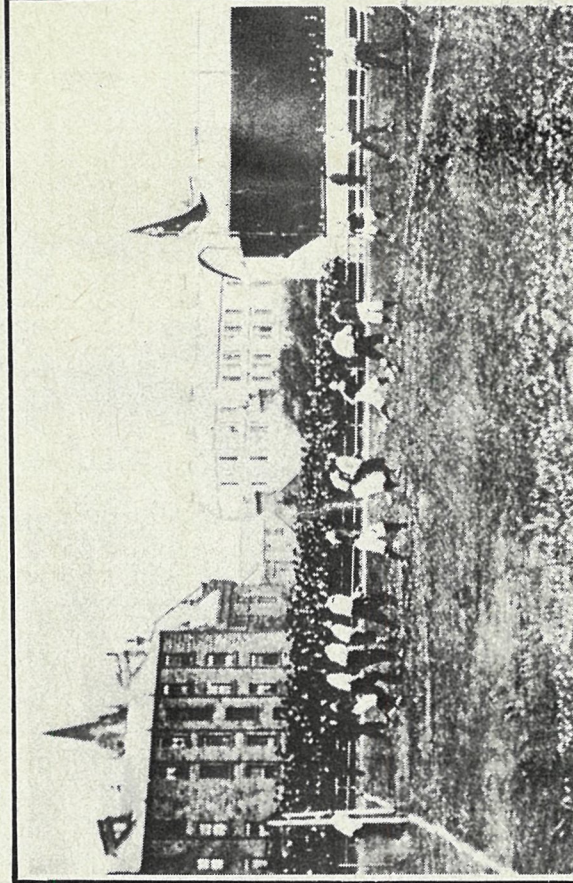
The first game to be played on the original Hampden Park (the present ground is the third of that name) was a Scottish Cup-tie between Queen's Park and Dumbreck on 25th October, 1873. Queen's Park celebrated the move to their new ground with a 7-0 victory.

The first man to score with a penalty in a Scottish Cup Final was Hearts inside-forward Davie Baird in the all-Edinburgh Final of 1896. Hearts beat Hibernian 3-1.

There are such conflicting reports about the scorers in the 1901 Final that one doubts whether Charlie Thomson did actually get three goals for Hearts against Celtic on that occasion, and it seems more likely that the first man to score a hat-trick in a Scottish Cup Final was Jimmy Quinn of Celtic when they beat Rangers in 1904. Celtic were two goals

down before Quinn got into gear, but this sturdy Celtic leader had one of the most powerful shots in the game and he put Celtic on level terms by half-time and soon followed with the winner.

Rangers had played 22 Scottish Cup-ties at home without defeat before Cambuslang became the very first side to win at Kinning Park (then Rangers' home) in this competition. This was in 1886-87 when the visitors beat Rangers 2-0. It was suggested at the time that Rangers were concentrating more on winning the English Cup. Indeed that season they succeeded in getting as far as the Semi-Finals before losing to Aston Villa.



Celtic v. Rangers . . . a picture taken during the last century when Celtic wore stripes instead of their famous hoops.



'TWO-TIME WEMBLEY LOSER'

ALAN KENNEDY
(Newcastle Utd.)

My first appearance at Wembley is not one that I really want to remember.

It was very disappointing when United lost 3-0 to Liverpool in the F.A. Cup Final in 1974.

I was just 19 at the time and couldn't think of anything else but the big game for days.

My own performance and that of the team was very much below par and Liverpool ran out easy winners.

Still, when I think of the many great players who have never appeared in a Cup Final, I suppose I'm lucky.

The experience of appearing at Wembley is unforgettable ... it's a pity our lads couldn't give the Newcastle fans more to cheer about.

Lady Luck was on my side all along — until the Final! Our regular right-back David Craig was injured around the time of the Semi-Finals.

Frank Clark was switched from left-back and I took over Frank's number three shirt.



'We lost—but I was thrilled'

RON HARRIS (Chelsea)

My first F.A. Cup Final will always stay in my mind — even though we lost! It was against London rivals Spurs in 1966-67 and they won a disappointing match by 2-1.

But, although the game itself wasn't much to write home about, it was a terrific thrill for me to actually play in a Final at Wembley.

I was only 21 then and had been a professional for just four years. But I was

captain, and it is always a great honour to lead out the team for a Final.

Also, I had been in two losing Semi-Final sides before we finally reached Wembley and I think most players will agree with me that it is much more disappointing to lose in a Semi than in the "big one" itself.

And I didn't have a bad game myself marking Jimmy Greaves. In fact, I must have played against him around 15 times in my career and he only scored one against me.



'HONOURED BY FELLOW PROFESSIONALS'

KEVIN BEATTIE
(Ipswich Town)

I COULD hardly believe it when I was honoured by the professionals. I wouldn't have won the trophy without the help of manager Bobby Robson and all the staff at Portman Road. They have given me confidence and taught me so much about the game. The boss encourages me to attack, so I have plenty of opportunity to express myself. When I collected the award, I thought of the many wonderful people who had helped me in my career.

I voted Young Player of the Year by my fellow professionals in 1973. I'd had a good season, playing in Europe with Ipswich and establishing myself in the England Under-23 side. But that P.F.A. award was the greatest thing that had happened to me. I remember at the time that I said to myself: "You've only been in the game a few years, and here you are already being



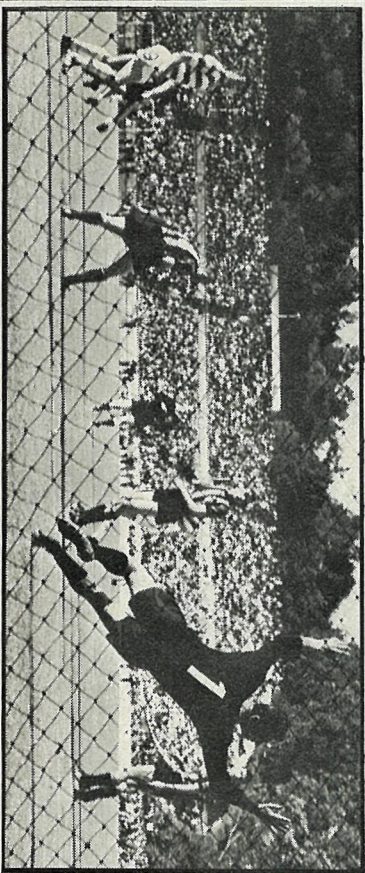
JOHN GREIG
(Rangers)

'A FANTASTIC WELCOME HOME BY FANS'

THE importance of being a Rangers' player was hammered home to me shortly after I had made the first-team breakthrough in the early Sixties. We had just been on a short tour of Russia, played fairly well and were undefeated. We were returning home quite happy with our displays, but we didn't expect the sort of welcome at the airport we got from our amazing fans. It was the first time I had witnessed such scenes. There were banners everywhere and thousands of fans with Rangers scarves. I couldn't believe it at first. It was as though we had just won the World Cup! Everyone appeared to be singing and dancing and it was then that I realised Rangers really did have the best fans in the world. How can you possibly give less than 100 per cent effort when you are playing with fanatical supporters such as these backing you every game?

EUROPEAN CUPS COMPETITIONS

CELTIC WIN IN LISBON



Tommy Gemmell (not in picture) scores against Inter Milan in the 1967 European Cup Final.

THE first game in the European Cup competition was played at Lisbon before a 30,000 crowd on Sunday, September 4th, 1955. Sporting Club drew 3-3 with Partizan Belgrade.

The first British club to reach the Semi-Finals was Hibernian in the inaugural season of 1955-56 when they beat Rot-Weiss Essen and Dinsgarthen before losing in the Semi-Finals to Stade de Reims 0-2, 0-1.

Manchester United was the first side to hit double figures in a European Cup-tie when they beat RSC Anderlecht 10-0 in the Preliminary Round, second-leg, before a crowd of 43,635 at Old Trafford, September 26th, 1956. United's scorers were Violet 4, Taylor 3, Whelan 2, and Berry.

Celtic was the first British club to appear in the Final when they went to Lisbon and beat Inter Milan 2-1, May 25th, 1967. Their winning team was Simpson; Craig, Gemmell; Murdoch, McNeill, Clarke; Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Auld, Lennox. Inter went ahead with a penalty by Mazzola after eight minutes but Gemmell and Chalmers shot Celtic's winners late in the game.

The first man to score more than ten goals in a season of European Cup games was the great Hungarian inside-forward Ferenc Puskas in 1959-60. That season he totalled 12 for Real Madrid, including four in that brilliant Final played at Hampden Park when they beat Ein-

tracht Frankfurt 7-3. No other player has scored as many goals in a European Cup Final.

EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP

The first match in this competition was played in Berlin, August 1st, 1960. ASK Vorwarts beat Red Star Brno (Czechoslovakia) 2-1.

Rangers was the first British club to reach the Final. That was in the inaugural season (1960-61) when in a two-leg tie they were beaten 0-2, 1-2 by Fiorentina.

The first British club to win this competition was Tottenham Hotspur. In the 1962-63 Final in Rotterdam Spurs beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 with goals by Greaves 2, White and Dyson 2. Their winning team was Brown; Baker, Henry; Blanchflower, Norman, March; Jones, White, Smith, Greaves, Dyson. Atletico's only goal came from a penalty by Collar.

The first side to score double figures in this competition was Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) when they beat the Maltese side, Floriana, 10-2. Preliminary Round, second-leg, September, 1961. The first British club to do so was Aberdeen who beat Reykjavik 10-1. First Round, first-leg, at Pittodrie Stadium, in September, 1967. Their scorers were Munro 3, Storr 2, Smith 2, McMillan, Petersen and Taylor.

FOOTBALLERS OF THE YEAR

IT was in 1948 that the newly-formed Football Writers' Association first decided to hold a ballot and select their Footballer of the Year to receive an award at their dinner on the eve of the season's Cup Final. Their first choice, in what has since been an annual award, was Stanley Matthews who had that season (1947-48) helped Blackpool reach the Cup Final for the first time in their history.

The first player to gain this award for a second time was another famous winger, Tom Finney of Preston North End. He was Footballer of the Year in 1953-54, and for a second time three years later. In that earlier season Preston were beaten 3-2 by West Bromwich Albion in the Cup Final, and in 1956-57 Finney helped shoot them into third place in the Football League Championship.

The Scottish Football Writers instituted their annual award in 1964-65 when their first

winner was Celtic's Billy McNeill. The first man to win this award a second time was Rangers skipper John Greig. He was their Footballer of the Year in 1965-66 and again in 1975-76 — after leading the Ibrox club to the grand slam.

The players (rather than the writers) made their first award in 1973-74 when they selected Leeds United's iron-man, Norman Hunter, as the Players' Player.

The European Footballer of the Year award was introduced in 1956 when the French weekly "France Football" conducted a poll among writers in various countries. Stanley Matthews was the first winner. Real Madrid centre forward di Stefano was the first player to win this award a second time in 1959 after having led his side to a fourth European Cup victory. This was two years after his first award.

TWO FIRSTS FOR SIR STAN

LEFT... Tom Finney, first player to win the Footballer of the Year trophy twice.



ABOVE... Sir Stanley Matthews was the first-ever Footballer of the Year in 1948.

YOU ARE THE REF



● Compiled by STAN LOVER, Chairman of the London Referees' Society

SHOOT-IN AT STAN

I WANT TO BE A LINESMAN

"On the 24th August I watched the B.B.C. T.V. documentary in which Jack Taylor appeared," writes Clive Gough of Nottingham.

"After seeing this programme I have decided that I don't want to be a referee but would like to be a linesman with the Football League."

Clive then asks for advice on how to become a linesman.

I am using this letter to clear up a fairly general misconception of the role of linesman in top level football. Like Clive, many fans are unaware that the man with the flag is a fully qualified and experienced referee.

To have achieved the linesmen list of the Football League every official must have refereed successfully for some years, in senior, amateur and professional leagues.

The man in the middle of Football League matches has served as a linesman for many seasons and has been promoted on his rating, as a referee, with other Leagues. Age, experience and geographical factors are also taken into account.

Every Football League linesman must be capable of taking over a match in an emergency e.g. should the referee be injured or be prevented from arriving on time.

In modern football the manner in which a match is controlled depends very much on the co-operation between the referee and his two linesmen. Gone are the days when a linesman's responsibilities ended with signalling throw-ins and corner-kicks.

Today, linesmen must read the game as efficiently as the man with the whistle, particularly in offside situations. They are required to advise the referee on any matters of play, or misconduct, which the referee has not seen.

A few weeks ago I explained the work of the assessor. In addition to submitting a report to the League, on the performance of the referee, he has also to report on the efficiency of the linesmen.

For readers who would like to give some service to the game I would suggest running a line for your school or local junior club team. There is a great need for officials in grass roots soccer.

You may find the experience rewarding enough to go into the middle, in which case, have a word with any qualified referee on how to obtain coaching in your home town.

Who knows, one day you may reach the top as a referee because of your interest in becoming a linesman.

HALF TIME TEASER

Last week's problem should not have troubled many readers. What action should be taken if the ball rebounds into play from a corner-post? was the question. **ANSWER:** Play on. The ball remains in play if it rebounds from the goal-post or corner-post.

Colin Kiely of Wembley, Middlesex, provides the teaser this week.

"When taking a penalty-kick, is it in order to pass the ball back to a team-mate?" What is your answer?

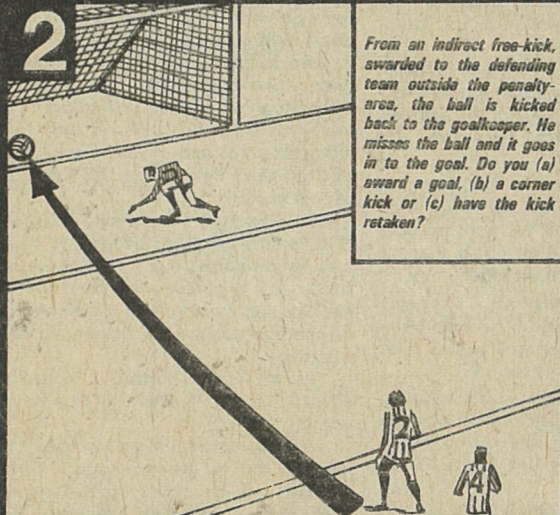
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When the ball is kicked towards goal a spectator runs on to the pitch and tries to stop it. He deflects it but it enters the net. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) drop the ball where the spectator touched it or (c) award a goal-kick?



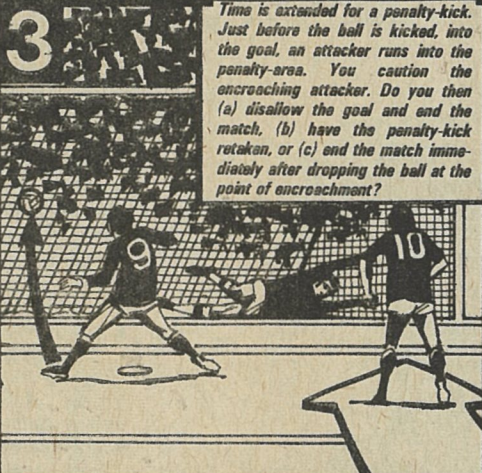
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From an indirect free-kick, awarded to the defending team outside the penalty-area, the ball is kicked back to the goalkeeper. He misses the ball and it goes in to the goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a corner kick or (c) have the kick retaken?



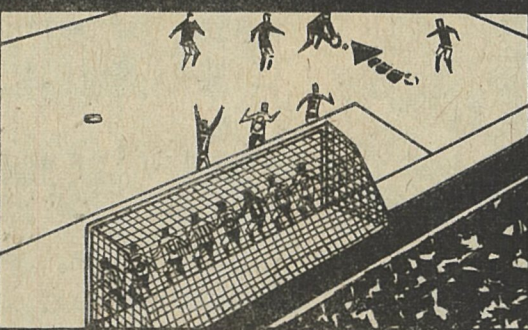
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Time is extended for a penalty-kick. Just before the ball is kicked, into the goal, an attacker runs into the penalty-area. You caution the encroaching attacker. Do you then (a) disallow the goal and end the match, (b) have the penalty-kick retaken, or (c) end the match immediately after dropping the ball at the point of encroachment?



4

A: A goalkeeper catches the ball and makes no attempt to release it into play. After a few seconds you stop play and award an indirect free-kick.



B: The free-kick is six yards from goal but the attacking team captain asks permission for the ball to be moved a further four yards away from the goal for a better shot. You agree. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS

4. The problem is in B. The free-kick must be taken from the place where the offence occurred. In A the indirect free-kick is the correct award for this delaying tactic by the goalkeeper.

1. The ball must be dropped (b) because the spectator made contact with the ball. 2. Award a corner-kick (b). 3. The goal must be disallowed and the penalty-kick retaken (b).

'WE ARE DETERMINED TO WIN A TROPHY'

THREE years ago Everton manager Billy Bingham laid down a Goodison Park blue-print for success. And in 1976-77 he considers his plans are beginning to show positive signs of fulfilment.

In the three seasons before his arrival on Merseyside, Everton were a side who finished in the bottom half of the table on three successive occasions.

Now manager Bingham can point to an improvement which has kept his team in a more respectable part of the League in recent years.

"In our last three seasons we have finished seventh, fourth and eleventh," says Bingham. "And in the current season we are determined to win a trophy to set the seal on our build-up work."

"On joining Everton, I had to do a

Everton manager Billy Bingham

holding job on a team which had faced relegation. Then after we had consolidated our position in Division One there was the transitional period when the players had to blend.

"And this season I was satisfied with our performances in the opening quarter, but this doesn't mean we can sit back and relax. I've a first-team pool of 18 players, yet am still on the look-out for a top-class

player from the First Division plus additions from the lower Divisions.

"Strength in depth is what I am looking for in my squad, which is a necessary thing in these days of crowded fixture lists.

"Last season, when we ended in mid-table, four of the first-team were on the injured list together and Bob Latchford was out for three months.

"And at the beginning of November we had scored more goals away from home than any of the leading clubs, proof that we are not defensive-minded.

"Our goals can come from at least seven players, and Andy King and Bob Latchford, to mention only two, had six and nine goals respectively by the end of October.

"About Bob Latchford — I simply can't understand how he has been left out of the England squad after some of his displays for us.

"But Everton as a whole promise well for the future with talented young players such as George Telfer, Andy King and Martin Dobson available."

In looking to the future, manager Bingham is very conscious of the

fact Everton's winning of a major honour this season would be a tremendous morale-booster to fans who have seen so much to frustrate them in the early Seventies.

He points out: "This is a club with great traditions built by sides playing good-quality football.

"With all due respect to the Liverpool supporters I think Everton fans are probably more sophisticated in their appreciation of the game — so I'm hoping the team can provide some success for them.

"Of course in any bid we make for the title we can expect a strong challenge from Liverpool — yet the League Championship is not just a Merseyside issue. In my opinion Ipswich will be a side to be reckoned with and hard to beat."

And in his assessment of teams with Championship pretensions, Billy Bingham makes one thing perfectly clear — he believes that any side unable to score goals freely will not top the First Division at the end of this season.

So if his view bars a side such as Middlesbrough from lifting the title it is hardly surprising — the Everton boss was a goalscoring forward in his day and says he still rates the art of scoring goals as a priority in his schemes.

"As a player, I netted 110 goals in 410 games — not too bad for a winger."

And assuming a team reflects the personality of its manager, then Everton can be expected to have a creditable "goals-for" column by next May.



Billy Bingham (left) believes Bob Latchford (above, right, scoring against Bristol City) should be in the present England squad.

BOUGHT and SOLD by Spurs in surprise moves

PETER Taylor, Tottenham's £200,000 signing from Crystal Palace, has agreed to join another club.

But Spurs fans can relax. It won't mean him leaving White Hart Lane and his new club, who aren't paying a single penny transfer fee, have no intentions of ever playing him.

Rocheway, a team in the Southern Sunday League, simply want Taylor to resume the coaching and managerial duties he gave up when signing for Palace from Southend three years ago.

Said Taylor, 23: "I've missed not taking the lads but from South London, it was too far for me to travel for Thursday night training and for the games on Sunday.

"The lads have been on at me to go back and now I'm moving back out that way — I've just bought a house in Brentwood — I'm delighted to accept.

"In fact, I agreed to go back as soon as I knew I was joining Spurs



PETER TAYLOR

'I lost confidence in myself'

and I went down to take the lads for training the very night I signed at White Hart Lane!

"It's a very good hobby for me and I think it's good preparation for me if I ever become a manager when I finish playing. The lads have a go at me when they're not in the team and things like that and I reckon it helps you to understand people."

Taylor's main task at the moment, of course, is to help Spurs back to their former glories after a disappointing couple of seasons.

"If I didn't think they were good enough to win something I wouldn't have agreed to join them. I was desperate to get a move but I didn't see much point signing for anyone just for the sake of it.

"I think we'll do well this season but the main problem is lack of consistency. That was pretty obvious in my first match at West Brom when we went 2-0 up by half-time and then lost 2-4. Some of the lads just didn't seem to believe in themselves, but our skipper Steve Perryman reckons that is something the team are beginning to get over now."

Taylor's own confidence took a bit of a bashing during his long wait to get a move from Palace. "I began to doubt my own ability and I lost a lot of confidence in myself.

"The move to Spurs was a surprise because they hadn't been mentioned much, most of the talk was about Arsenal and Leeds. But Keith Burkinshaw told me he always wanted me but he had to get a centre-forward first.

"That was Ian Moores from Stoke, of course. I'm pleased Spurs are going to use me wide the same as Palace and allow me freedom to switch sides.

"I prefer it on the right because I can cut in on my left foot, but it doesn't matter that much."

Despite his anxiety to get out of the Third Division, Taylor found himself quite upset when it finally came to leaving Selhurst Park.

"I felt really sad when I said goodbye to the lads because they're a great bunch and I was very happy there. If they'd managed to go up last season I probably would have stayed and had a real go of getting into the First with them.

"They're much too good for the Third and that's why I didn't leave sooner. I would never have stayed so long with any other Third Division team.

"I tell you what I'd like this season. Spurs to win something and Palace to get promotion. That would be a great double."

JIMMY NEIGHBOUR struggled for six long and often trouble filled years to establish himself as a regular in the Tottenham team. But his long awaited success at Spurs brought an unexpected surprise — a transfer.

That's the irony of Jimmy Neighbour's sudden £75,000 move to Norwich.

For Neighbour's existence as an in-and-out winger at Spurs led to many showdowns with the management and transfer requests.

But last season the then manager Terry Neill gave Neighbour, 25, the

would have loved to have kept Jimmy. I would have given serious thought to playing two wingers.

"But the time and the price was right so I agreed to sell.

"To be perfectly honest the fee for Jimmy was a help towards paying for Peter Taylor."

It might have been perfect for Spurs but the time wasn't right for Neighbour.

He explains: "The move came at an awkward time and I wasn't too keen to go at first.

"My wife, Sheila, had just given birth to our second child — a baby girl, Fay.

"When Keith telephoned my home to say 'I've got a shock for you — Norwich want you and we're willing to let you go', I was really apprehensive.

"But after a chat with the wife I decided to go ahead with the move.

"I've been given permission to train at Tottenham for a little while until the family settle down and are able to move to Norwich."

Despite his ups-and-downs with the club Chingford-born Neighbour has always been a Spurs man.

He joined the club straight from school after being spotted as an 11-year-old playing for Waltham Forest Schools by scout Dickie Walker.

He was a member of the League Cup winning team of 1971 and had made 156 first-team appearances before joining Norwich to team up with his former Spurs skipper Martin Peters and ex-Spurs striker Roger Gibbins.

Neighbour made a dazzling start to his Norwich career with a five star display on his debut against



JIMMY NEIGHBOUR

'I might have ended up in the reserves'

number 11 shirt undisturbed for virtually the whole of the season.

Neighbour didn't let anyone down. He produced by far the best football of his career and created numerous goals for John Duncan and company.

There comes the twist. It was his sparkling form that caught the eye of many managers — one of them John Bond of Norwich.

And Bond finally got his man when he made his inquiry at precisely the opportune moment.

For Spurs were in the throes of buying Peter Taylor from Crystal Palace for £200,000 and the offer for Neighbour was too tempting to resist at that time.

As Keith Burkinshaw admitted: "I

Newcastle at Carrow Road. It was only seven days before his Norwich debut that he was playing for Spurs against Norwich at White Hart Lane.

But Neighbour cannot help thinking: "It's funny really, if I hadn't played so well last season I would never have left.

"In a way I'm sorry to have left Spurs. I've always been happy at the club.

"Then again, I could have stayed and might have ended up in the reserves, and regretted not taking the move while it was there."

Norwich manager John Bond believes he's got himself a bargain, as he says: "Jimmy is pure magic, pure magic."

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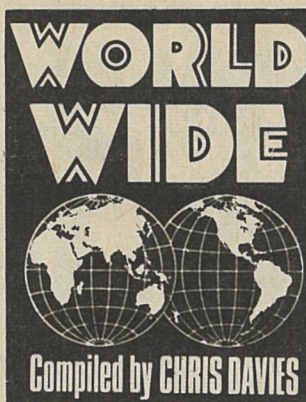
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REAL MADRID manager Miljan Miljanic was lucky to escape without injury when his car was involved in a collision near the France-Belgium border.

The car did a couple of somersaults before coming to a rest upside down.

Miljanic had been spying on European Cup opponents FC Bruges.

LAST season's European Cup runners-up Saint-Etienne aren't doing quite so well this time round.

As we go to Press Les Verts (The Greens) are 15th in the League, seven points behind the leaders Lyon.

Even so, Saint-Etienne have the best defensive record conceding 11 goals in 11 games.

It's a different story in attack, though. They have the third-worst goalscoring figure with 11 goals, again!

U.S.S.R. Champions Dynamo Kiev played an exhibition match in Barcelona as the grand finale to Espanol's 75th anniversary celebrations.

Kiev won 3-1, but an odd footnote to the Ukrainians' visit was the announcement that their players were "very keen" to see the X-certificate film *Emmanuelle*.

But it is banned in Spain, and the very disappointed Eastern aces went instead to watch ... a western!

Tough time for disappointing CHIVERS

THIS season the number of British players in Switzerland has trebled ... from one to three. However, with the League now well under way, the trio are having mixed fortunes.

Best known is Martin Chivers, 31 (above, right), who joined the Geneva club, Servette, from Spurs this summer.

Big Chiv started brightly and won the Alps Cup for Servette almost single-handedly.

In the League, it's been a different story, though. Although Chivers has missed just one match (the first) he had scored only two goals in eight games.

Initially, it could be argued Chivers was a new face ... his teammates didn't know his style. But they've been together for over three months now and Servette supporters are wondering if the understanding will ever come.

They are disappointed Chivers is not getting into scoring positions, and many regret the sale of Alfred Hussnar, Chivers' predecessor.

Hussnar played in the first game when Chivers was injured ... and scored a hat-trick.

Steve Malbaski, 24, a free transfer from Stoke City, is also in Geneva with Chenois.

His cool defensive play has helped them win promotion to Division One, and in January he completes five years in Switzerland and qualifies to be regarded as a Swiss player.

Also having a good time is John Hulme, former Bury, Bolton, Notts County and Reading player.

He's player-manager of Second Division Chaux-de-Fonds who are at present sitting comfortably at the top of their Division.

Hulme is the king-pin in the defence that had conceded just five goals after seven games.

Three years later...

EXACTLY three years after their memorable World Cup triumph over England at Wembley, Poland took a giant step towards ensuring a place in the 1978 World Cup Finals.

On October 17th, the Poles beat Portugal 2-0 in Porto, a surprising result remembering the Poles' wretched form since impressing in the '74 Finals.

This was their first game under new manager Jacek Gmoch and Poland showed all their old flair and were worthy winners against Portugal.

There were some new names in the Poland side — no Tomaszewski or Gorgon — but three World Cup stars from 1974 stood out: Deyna, Szarmach and Lato, who scored the Poles' goals.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the game was Gmoch's after-match quote: "We took only 36 per cent of our scoring chances."

● Poland followed this up with a 5-0 win over Cyprus. In their team was "old" favourite Wlodek Lubanski — his first international since being injured against England in 1973.



SPANISH refs recently underwent a series of tests to see if they were fit enough to keep up with play during a game.

Apparently, all the whistlers passed, although two managed to injure themselves in a hurdle race.

The following week a Madrid magazine decided to carry out its own "fitness test" and put a stop-watch on Senor Fores in the Atletico Madrid/Athletic Bilbao game.

They reported he ran for only six minutes during the entire match!

● The Spain team that luckily beat Yugoslavia with a late penalty in a World Cup-tie turned in what their critics called "the worst performance in years." That hasn't stopped the Spanish players picking up bonuses of £2,300 per man.

Suurbier 'forced' to sign

DUTCH international right-back Wim Suurbier has finally re-signed for Ajax. He's been out of action for two months following a disagreement over terms for his new contract.

Suurbier, 31, was more or less forced to back down as he was unpaid during his "rest".

He said: "That I am playing for Ajax again doesn't mean I like them, but the transfer fee they were asking for me was not realistic."

"You might say I was forced to stay."

Goal 200 for Heynckes

BORUSSIA Mönchengladbach striker Jupp Heynckes (31) heads a goal against Tennis Borussia Berlin on 30th October ... his 200th goal in the West German Bundesliga.

This was Heynckes' 11th goal in 11 League games this season ... but Bayern Munich's Gerd Müller (31) led the way with 14 goals.

How Helmut Schoen must be hoping Der Bomber makes an international comeback.

NEWS FLASHES

Jan Domarski, 30, who scored Poland's goal against England at Wembley in 1973, has left Stal Mielec for Nimes in France.

But Zygmunt Maszyk, 31, was refused permission to join a foreign club as he is "still valuable to the national side."

Brann Bergen, beaten by Q.P.R. in the U.E.F.A. Cup, have ensured a place in NEXT season's European Cup-Winners' Cup by winning the Norwegian Cup.

They beat Second Division Sondal 1L 2-1 in Oslo; this was Brann's fourth Cup triumph.

Five hundred spectators at a West German game in Hausen escaped injury when a plane — which was delivering the match ball before the game! — crashed on the field.

The pilot was, unfortunately, killed.

Ruud Geels, Holland's top scorer last season, leads the way again and netted five times in Ajax's 7-0 thrashing of FC Utrecht.

The Luxembourg F.A. have given the go-ahead to their clubs to wear advertising on their jerseys.

The name must not be more than 3.15 inches high and the sponsor must not be associated with anything "alcoholic or political."

It didn't take Bayern Munich long to recover from their record 7-0 home defeat by Schalke 04.

The next Saturday, Franz Beckenbauer's team beat holders Hamburger SV in the German Cup ... 5-1!

The Czechoslovakia F.A. has decided that in future only one team will be relegated from the 16-club First Division. They hope this will banish fear and produce more adventurous football.

Costly soccer in Spain

MOST Spanish clubs have announced increases in admission fees for the new season. The average increase is around 20 per cent, although some clubs have announced a 50 per cent rise. In Spain, clubs are free to charge more or less what they like, and prices are generally high.

Oddly, newly-promoted Burgos are now Spain's highest-priced performers with season ticket prices ranging from £42 to £92!

Here are the prices for Spain's top six clubs. The season ticket is valid for the 17 League matches played at home, plus any Spanish Cup games.

The minimum price refers to the 'worst' standing accommodation — usually high behind the corner flags — and the maximum figure is for a good seat in the main stand.

Real Madrid	Minimum	£15	Maximum	£80
Atletico Madrid	"	£12	"	£64
Barcelona	"	£20	"	£55
Espanol	"	£35	"	£85
Athletic Bilbao	"	£12	"	£40
Valencia	"	£12	"	£64

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that two Spanish Second Division clubs (Huelva and Alaves), charge more than any of these!

'WE ARE FULLY ARGENTINA AS THE

An exclusive interview with



João Havelange (above). Action from the European Championship Final between West Germany and Czechoslovakia (right).



AS THE F.I.F.A. President is relatively unknown in Great Britain, I will first introduce Jean Marie Faustin Goderfroid Havelange, who was born in Rio de Janeiro on May 8th, 1916; the oldest child of Belgian immigrants.

Like almost all Brazilians, Havelange started playing football at a tender age and, by the time he was 12, was left-back for Fluminense F.C. junior team. At 16 he had won the "juvenil" League of Rio de Janeiro for the club, captaining the team.

However, now another sport was claiming his attention, he was becoming a leading swimmer; consequently more and more time was being given to this sport, and he soon won the freestyle Championships of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Brazil, and finally the South American titles.

Following these triumphs, he took up water-polo and success followed success. He had already swum for Brazil in the Olympic Games of 1936

and again in 1952 he represented Brazil, this time at water polo, and in the Melbourne Olympics he was the captain of Brazil's delegation.

Havelange has a long experience in sports administration, which began when he became the Water Polo Director of the Club de Regatas Botafogo in 1927; President of the C.B.D. from 1958 to 1975 (the Confederation controls 23 sports including professional football, 13 of which are Olympic events); member of the International Olympic Committee since 1963 and President of FIFUSA (Fédération Internationale de Football em Salle) in 1971.

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His international work for sports has brought him recognition, titles and decorations from the Governments of Brazil, Sweden, France, Portugal and many others. Apart from Portuguese, Havelange is also fluent in French, Spanish and to a lesser degree Italian. He has also become quite fluent in English and devotes much of his limited spare-time to its study.

Havelange, a lawyer by profession, is a man of boundless energy, a very able and astute administrator, the principal requirement for a F.I.F.A. President. (Amongst his executive business posts he is the President of a

because I could foresee the tremendous amount of time I would have to dedicate to the job. However, once I was elected, I was determined to handle the job with dignity and the awareness of the huge responsibility that it entails."

When I asked him if he thought that F.I.F.A. was too European-minded and that perhaps now more South American influence could be expected, he replied:

"There was no excessive European influence in F.I.F.A. What there was, and is now, is the respect F.I.F.A. has for the European organisation, efficiency and the dedication shown in its work for football. Europe has served as an example and as the leader for the game. I have not failed to be aware of this position.

"Consequently, I have appointed Europeans to the vast majority of the F.I.F.A. Committees; this is not to say I am relegating non-European countries to the 'Second Division'. Each Federation has my respect, and their defined position where they can work to contribute to the overall F.I.F.A. plan of action for the development and improvement of world football.

'Biased'

"Certain people and countries thought that, as a South American, I would be biased against Europe, but I think you will find I am more 'European' than the Europeans themselves. It is not a case of a greater South American influence within F.I.F.A., only of taking advantage of the best available from all the different continents and using that talent where it can best serve world football."

At the moment, there are two basic styles in world football: the European and the South American. Will different styles come with the development of the present "new areas" of world football, such as Africa, Asia and the U.S.A.?

"I would disagree about two styles — I would say three — the Latin, the Anglo-Saxon/Germanic and the Eastern European. Each within its own style is admirable and must be respected. At the moment, the East European style is leading with Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia showing the way.

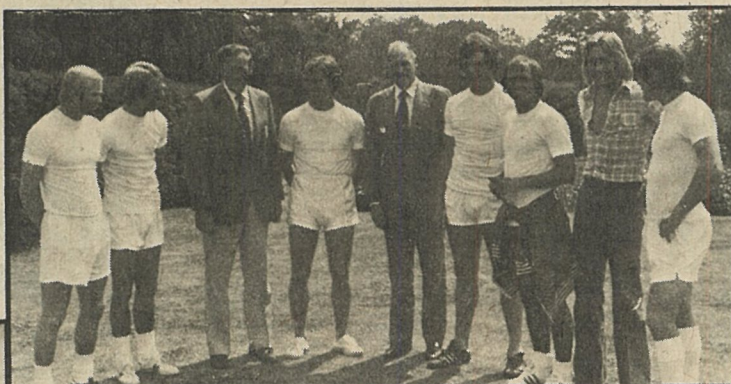
"In 1974, the Anglo-Saxon/Germanic was predominant as played by West Germany and Holland. However, the Latin style has also had its periods of glory. I do not really believe that very different styles will emerge."

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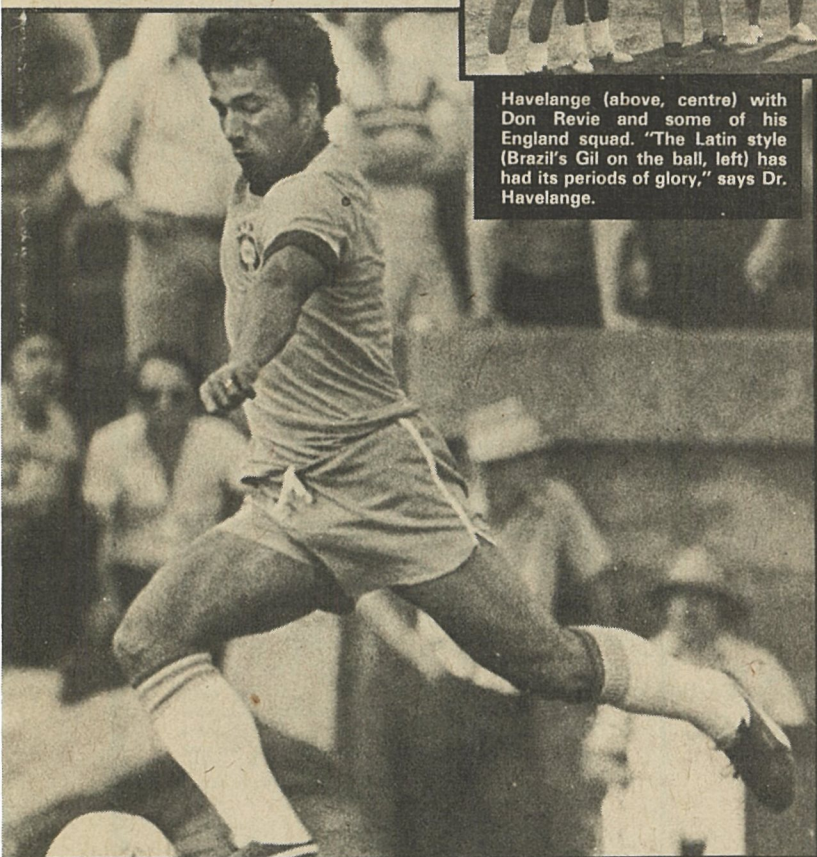
Dr. João Havelange—President of F.I.F.A.

Are F.I.F.A. doing enough to help the soccer development of the emerging countries?

"We have been working for the development of football all over the world, and now with the emergence of Project number one, the aid for development will be considerably increased. It must be realised that a tremendous amount of work must be done by the countries themselves. In some areas the national Federation has no clear idea of their administrat-



Havelange (above, centre) with Don Revie and some of his England squad. "The Latin style (Brazil's Gil on the ball, left) has had its periods of glory," says Dr. Havelange.



ive responsibilities, and some do not even possess a typewriter! If there is no organisation at the top the game itself suffers. We are striving to instruct the inexperienced areas."

What did you think of the last Olympic tournament and the use of professional players?

"The selection of the players for the Olympic tournament is made by each Federation within the Olympic rules. However, at present the F.I.F.A. Technical Committee is investigating the question of the eligibility of players, and will report and make recommendations to the International Olympic Committee. I personally favour a limit-

tation on the ages of the players allowed to participate.

"However, as I said before, we are investigating the problem and a decision will be made to prevent future abuses of the system. As regards the 1976 tournament, what was shown at Montreal was excellent. High quality football which attracted 640,000 spectators, in a non-traditional football country, was extremely gratifying by any standards."

Do you believe that a World Cup should have 20 teams instead of 16, thus enabling the stronger countries to qualify and thus making the competition a real World Cup?

"The F.I.F.A. Congress of 1974 authorised the increase of the competition to 20 Finalist countries. But for the 1978 World Cup the Organising Committee judged that it would be advisable to retain only 16 participants for the Finals."

What problems are Argentina faced with at present to enable the World Cup to be held there?

"No problems at all at present. The Organising Committee are fully satisfied that Argentina are within the terms of the undertaking given by both the Argentina F.A. and the Government. Telecommunication, stadia, hotels, transport and general organisation have all been found to be well advanced."

Why are you insisting on the World Cup being held in Argentina, in view of the opposition from some European nations such as Holland?

'Decision'

"Not 'some nations' — only Holland — as reported by the Press. However, no official document has been received by F.I.F.A., to the effect that a qualified country has, or is, refusing to go to Argentina."

"As President, I am putting into effect the decision taken by the Executive Committee in 1966, and ratified by the F.I.F.A. Congress held in Tokyo, that Argentina would host the 1978 World Cup."

"Finally, the only body that can recommend a change of venue for a World Cup, is the Organising Committee and at every meeting held up to now it has praised the work being carried out in Argentina for the organisation of the World Cup and is fully satisfied with the preparations."

I have heard complaints from the Press that, because of the tight security arrangements at the Olympics, they were not able to work properly.

Do you think the same could happen in Argentina?

"I have no knowledge of any official complaint in this respect. In view of the world-wide publicity achieved by the Olympic games, in the spoken, written and TV Press, I can only conclude that there was no great hindrance to Press work. I am certain that the same will apply in Argentina even though security measures will be in operation, as they were in Germany during the 1974 competition."

"Now I would like to put a question to you: when a head of State travels to another country is there not also considerable security, and because of this rigid security has the Press ever failed to do their jobs properly in covering the state visit? — No — therefore, I believe that good reporting and good security can go together without one causing excessive problems to the other."

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What is being done to standardise the quality of world refereeing?

"There are two principal points being put into operation: one, the refereeing courses being held under the auspices of the F.I.F.A. referees' committee throughout the world; and two, Project number one. An experienced international referee is included to instruct on the Laws of the Game, its application and interpretation. I would like to see a plan whereby an international exchange of referees could be arranged, with officials spending two to three months in another continent, watching during the first month, and then refereeing in Leagues for another two months. This would allow them to communicate internationally, and to acquire a knowledge of how the game is played in other countries."



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| 1976 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Man. City v. Newcastle | 1971 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Spurs v. Aston Villa |
| 1976 KINGS OF SCOTLAND
Rangers v. Celtic | 1970 FA CUP FINAL
Chelsea's Cup |
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| 1974 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Wonderful Wolves! | CELTIC SOUVENIR |
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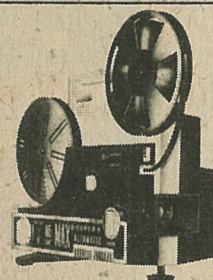
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| * 1975 West Ham 2, Fulham 0..... | 200ft |
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| * 1973 Sunderland 1, Leeds 0..... | 200ft |
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| 1973 Semi: Leeds 1, Wolves 0..... | 100ft |
| * 1972 Leeds 1, Arsenal 0..... | 100ft |
| * 1971 Arsenal 2, Liverpool 1..... | 200ft |
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| 1970 Chelsea 2, Leeds 1..... | 100ft |
| 1969 Man City 1, Leicester 0..... | 100ft |
| 1968 WBA 1, Everton 0..... | 200ft |
| 1967 Spurs 2, Chelsea 1..... | 200ft |
| 1966 Everton 3, Sheff. Wed. 2..... | 300ft |
| 1965 Liverpool 2, Leeds 1..... | 200ft |
| 1964 West Ham 3, Preston 2..... | 200ft |
| 1963 Man. Utd. 3, Leicester 1..... | 200ft |
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| 1960 Wolves 3, Blackburn 0..... | 100ft |
| 1959 Nott'ham F. 2, Luton 1..... | 100ft |
| 1958 Bolton 2, Man. Utd. 0..... | 100ft |
| 1957 Aston Villa 2, Man. Utd. 1..... | 100ft |
| 1953 Blackpool 4, Bolton 3..... | 100ft |
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| * 1974 W. Germany 4, Sweden 2..... | 200ft |
| * 1974 Holland 2, Brazil 0..... | 200ft |
| * 1974 Holland 4, Argentina 0..... | 200ft |
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| * 1970 England 2, W. Germany 3..... | 200ft |
| * 1966 England 4, W. Germany 2..... | 200ft & 400ft |
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| 1972 Ajax 2, Inter Milan 0..... | 200ft |
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| 1970 Feyenoord 2, Celtic 1..... | 200ft |
| 1969 Milan 4, Ajax 1..... | 200ft |
| 1968 Man Utd 4, Benfica 1..... | 200ft/400ft |
| 1968 Man. Utd. 3, Madrid 3 (semi-final)..... | 200ft |
| 1967 Celtic 2, Inter Milan 1..... | 200ft/400ft |
| 1966 Man. Utd. 5, Benfica 1..... | 200ft |
| 1963 Milan 2, Benfica 1..... | 200ft |
| 1960 R. Madrid 7, Eintracht 3..... | 200ft/400ft |

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS

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| 1963 Spurs 5, At. Madrid 1..... | 200ft |
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| * 1975 Aston Villa 1, Norwich 0..... | 100ft |
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| 1971 Spurs 2, Aston Villa 0..... | 50ft |
| 1967 Q.P.R. 3, W.B.A. 2..... | 200ft |

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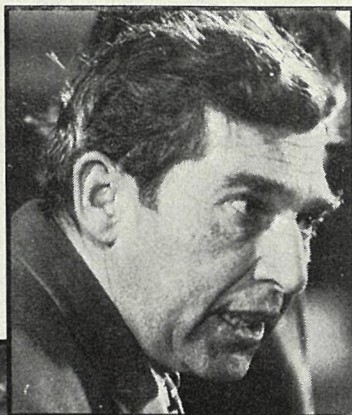
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HIBERNIAN



HIBS, who with Hearts carried Scottish hopes of European glory by reaching the Second Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup, went out to Swedish club Oesters Vaexjoe 4-3 on aggregate after gaining a 2-0 lead from their first-leg clash at Easter Road.

It was Hibs who held the proud record of being the first British side to compete in the European Cup. They reached the Semi-Finals in 1955-56, the first-ever season of the competition.

Hibs won the Scottish League Cup in 1973 and the lesser glory of winning the Drybrough Cup in 1973 and 1974. But you have to go back to 1952 for the last time they won the Scottish Championship, although they have gone close several times. And in the 1950's Hibs had their "famous five" forwards of Gordon Smith, Bobby Johnstone, Lawrie Reilly, Eddie Turnbull and Willie Ormond playing for them.

The last time the Scottish Cup was paraded around their ground was in 1902, and there are few supporters around who can remember that. So it is time for the Hi-Bees to restock their trophy cupboard.

EUROPEAN RECORD SINCE 1955-56

(S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; C — Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete.

SEASON	Round Reached
1955-56	S/F (E)
1956-57	DNC
1957-58	DNC
1958-59	DNC
1959-60	DNC
1960-61	S/F (U)
1961-62	2nd (U)
1962-63	Q/F (U)
1963-64	DNC
1964-65	DNC
1965-66	1st (U)
1966-67	DNC
1967-68	3rd (U)
1968-69	3rd (U)
1969-70	DNC
1970-71	3rd (U)
1971-72	DNC
1972-73	Q/F (C)
1973-74	2nd (U)
1974-75	2nd (U)
1975-76	1st (U)

Hibs manager and a member of the "famous five" forward-line, Eddie Turnbull (top of page). Premier League action this term between Hibs and Rangers (above).

LEAGUE AND SCOTTISH CUP RECORD

(since the War)

(C—League Champions; P—Promoted; R—Relegated; W—Winners; F—Finalists; S/F—Semi-Finalists; Q/F—Quarter-Finalists)

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Placing	SCOTTISH CUP Round Reached
1946-47	1- 2nd	F
1947-48	1- 1st (C)	S/F
1948-49	1- 3rd	Q/F
1949-50	1- 2nd	1st
1950-51	1- 1st (C)	S/F
1951-52	1- 1st (C)	1st
1952-53	1- 2nd	Q/F
1953-54	1- 5th	3rd
1954-55	1- 5th	5th
1955-56	1- 4th	5th
1956-57	1- 9th	5th
1957-58	1- 9th	F
1958-59	1-11th	Q/F
1959-60	1- 7th	Q/F
1960-61	1- 7th	Q/F
1961-62	1- 8th	1st
1962-63	1-16th	3rd
1963-64	1-10th	1st
1964-65	1- 4th	S/F
1965-66	1- 6th	2nd
1966-67	1- 5th	Q/F
1967-68	1- 3rd	2nd
1968-69	1-12th	1st
1969-70	1- 3rd	1st
1970-71	1-12th	S/F
1971-72	1- 4th	F
1972-73	1- 3rd	2nd
1973-74	1- 2nd	3rd
1974-75	1- 2nd	3rd
1975-76	1- 3rd	5th

DATE FOUNDED: 1875

PRINCIPAL HONOURS GAINED:

Scottish Division One Champions — 1903, 1948, 1951, 1952.

Scottish Division Two Champions 1894, 1895, 1933.

Scottish Cup Winners — 1887, 1902.

Scottish League Cup Winners — 1973.

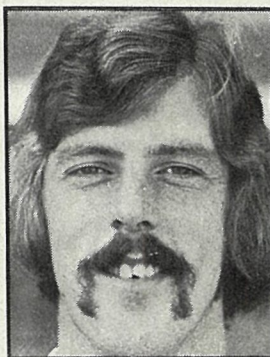
MOST FULL INTERNATIONAL APPEARANCES:

Lawrie Reilly 39 caps for Scotland.

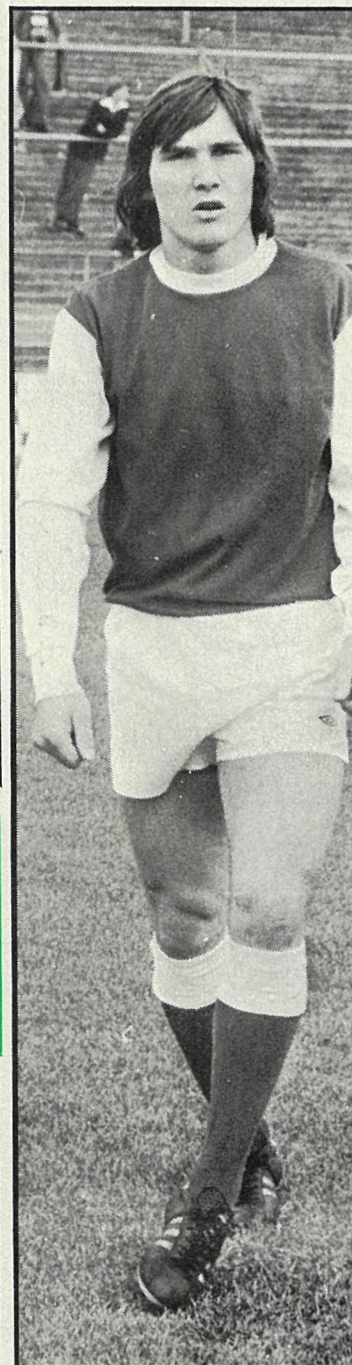
HIGHEST LEAGUE GOALSCORER:

Season Joe Baker 42, Division One, 1959-60.

RECORD ATTENDANCE: Against Hearts, 65,850, January 2nd, 1950.



Two members of the first-team — Jackie McNamara (right) and Tony Higgins (left).



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HIBERNIAN



BACK ROW (left to right): John Mulholland, Willie Paterson, Graham Fyfe, John Blackley, Jim McArthur, Ally McLeod, Alistair Brazil, John Brownlie, Alex McGee.

MIDDLE ROW: John Lambie (coach), John Fraser (coach), James Brown, Lindsay Muir, Colin Campbell, George Stewart, Mike McDonald, Tony Higgins, Ally Scott, Robert Aitken, Pat Stanton (now Celtic), Tom McNiven (trainer).

FRONT ROW: Gerry McCabe, Roy Barry (now East Fife), Eric Schaedler, Willie Murray, Pat Carroll, Michael Wilson, Des Bremner, Bobby Smith, Joe Forte, Derek Spalding, Alex Edwards, Arthur Duncan.



SHOOT/GOAL



Versatile Bobby Smith (above) signed in 1971.

RECORD VICTORY:

15-1 v Peebles Rovers, Scottish Cup, Second Round, February 11th, 1961.

RECORD DEFEAT:

2-9 v Morton, Scottish Division One, 1918-19.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

54 in Scottish Division Two 1932-33.

MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN A SEASON:

106 in Scottish Division One, 1959-60.

**PEN-PICTURES OF
HIBERNIAN
FIRST-TEAM SQUAD**

(L. App: League Appearances; G: Goals; S: Substitutes. Figures are for the 1975-76 season).

JOHN BLACKLEY: Skipper and defender signed from Gairdoch Un. in 1965. Four Scottish Under-23 appearances and five full caps. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 34. G:— 1.

DES BREMNER: Defender or midfielder signed from Deveronvale in 1972. Nine Scottish Under-23 appearances and one full cap. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 32. G:— 3.

JOHN BROWNLIE: Defender with fine ball control signed from Pumpherson in 1969. Five Scottish Under-23 appearances and seven full caps. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 33. G:— 5.

ARTHUR DUNCAN: Winger signed from Partick Thistle for £35,000 in 1970. One Scottish Under-23 appearance and six full caps. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— 35 and 1 sub. G:— 13.

ALEX EDWARDS: Schemer signed from Dunfermline for a bargain £13,000 in 1971. One Scottish Under-23 appearance. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 25. G:— 1.

GRAHAM FYFE: Striker signed from Glasgow Rangers towards the end of the 1975-76 season. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— Rangers 1 and 2 sub.

TONY HIGGINS: Midfielder signed from Kilsyth in 1972. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 1 and 3 sub.

MIKE McDONALD: Goalkeeper signed from Stoke City in January, 1976. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.0. L. App:— 15.

ALLY McLEOD: Striker signed from Southampton in December, 1974. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 16 and one sub. G:— 7.

JACKIE McNAMARA: Striker signed from Celtic in September, 1976, when he was part of the exchange deal that took Pat Stanton to Parkhead. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Celtic 16 and 2 sub. G:— Celtic 2.

LINDSAY MUIR: Midfielder with a great future signed from school in 1974. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 6 and 4 sub. G:— 1.

WILLIE MURRAY: Midfielder or striker signed from Salvesen's B.C. in 1971. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9. L. App:— 6 and 3 sub. G:— 1.

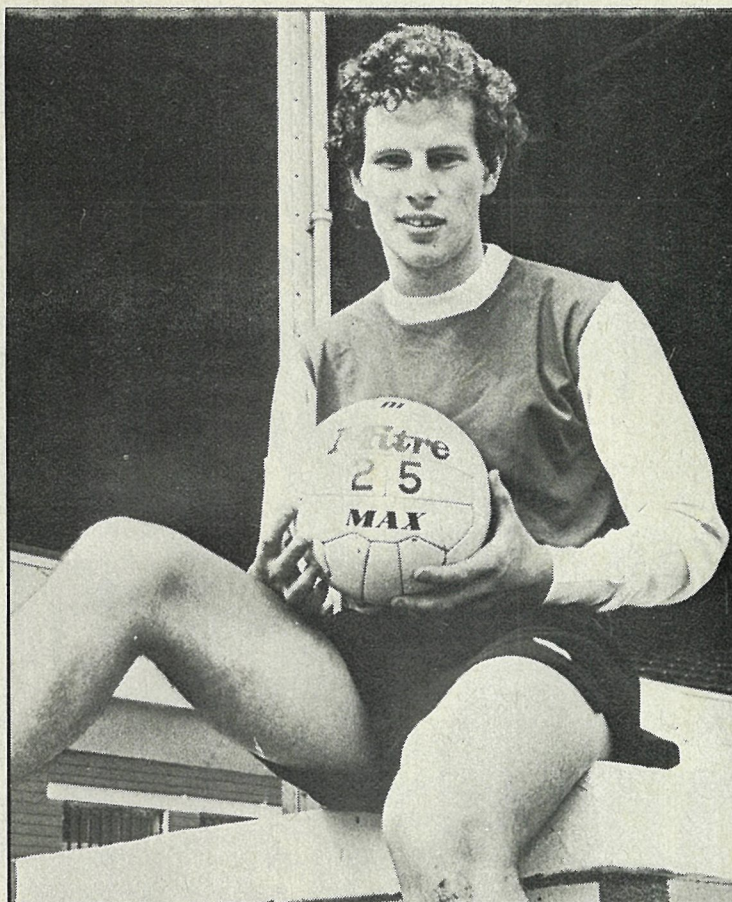
WILLIE PATTERSON: Midfielder signed from Burnley in 1975. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— 1 and 2 sub.

ERICH SCHAEGLER: Defender signed from Stirling Albion in 1969. One full Scottish cap against West Germany. Eric, as he is known to fans, could have played for West Germany as his father is German. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 32 and 1 sub. G:— 1.

ALLY SCOTT: Striker who joined Hibs at the same time as Graham Fyfe from Rangers. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— Rangers 1 and 1 sub.

BOBBY SMITH: Versatile player signed from Mussleburgh W in 1971. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 20 and 3 sub. G:— 6.

GEORGE STEWART: Central defender signed in the summer of 1976 from Dundee for £40,000. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.9. L. App:— Dundee 25.



One highly-promising youngster at Easter Road is Lindsay Muir (above). Hibs were beaten 6-1 by Celtic in the 1972 Scottish Cup Final (below).



SCOTTISH LEAGUE CAREER:

Scottish Division Two — 1893-95;
Scottish Division One — 1895-1931;
Scottish Division Two — 1931-33;
Scottish Division One — 1933 onward.

**LEAGUE FIXTURES
1976-77**

Sept 4	H	Dundee Utd.....	1-2
11	A	Motherwell.....	2-2
18	H	Rangers.....	1-1
25	H	Aberdeen.....	0-0
Oct 2	A	Celtic.....	1-1
16	H	Partick T.....	0-0
23	A	Ayr United.....	3-2
26	A	Kilmarnock.....	1-1
30	H	Hearts.....	1-1
Nov 6	A	Dundee Utd.....	1-2
13	H	Motherwell.....	
20	A	Rangers.....	
27	A	Aberdeen.....	
Dec 4	H	Celtic.....	
11	H	Kilmarnock.....	
18	A	Partick T.....	
25	H	Ayr Utd.....	
Jan 1	A	Hearts.....	
3	H	Dundee Utd.....	
8	A	Motherwell.....	
15	H	Rangers.....	
22	H	Aberdeen.....	
Feb 5	A	Celtic.....	
12	A	Kilmarnock.....	
19	H	Partick T.....	
Mar 5	A	Ayr Utd.....	
12	H	Hearts.....	
19	A	Dundee Utd.....	
26	H	Motherwell.....	
Apr 2	A	Rangers.....	
9	A	Aberdeen.....	
13	A	Hearts.....	
16	H	Celtic.....	
20	H	Ayr Utd.....	
23	H	Kilmarnock.....	
30	A	Partick T.....	

DEFENDER JOHN CRAGGS EXPLAINS WHY MIDDLESBROUGH ARE WORRIED

IN AUGUST, 1971, John Craggs joined Middlesbrough from Newcastle United for a fee of £60,000, and his move from Tyneside to Teesside proved a huge success — but over five years later this outstanding defender confesses he is a baffled man at Ayresome Park.

"It's a matter of goalscoring," explains John. "As a team we are continually creating chances, yet after the first quarter of the season had gone by, Middlesbrough had less goals to show for it than any of the other leading sides.

"And it worries us, because although we have fully established ourselves in the First Division since

winning promotion in 1973-74, we have not fulfilled our ambition to gain real success in the top flight.

"So it is easy to understand why we are keen to succeed this season — it's Middlesbrough's third term in

Division One after winning the Second Division and it will be frustrating for the club if we fail again.

"It will be disappointing because we have promised so much. Last term things were going well until Christmas, then we slumped badly and never recovered. And this season we managed to get to the top of the League, before Liverpool took over again and we lost our unbeaten home record against Leicester.

"In the Leicester game we created our usual number of scoring chances, but once more couldn't take them and we paid the penalty."

For Craggs, Middlesbrough's inability to find the net is doubly frustrating — he has earned the

reputation as one of the best attacking full-backs in the country, unlucky not to be capped, and a man who initiates many of his team's attacks.

"We are a sound side right through, which makes it difficult to understand why we don't score more often. But Alf Wood, our new centre-forward, who came into the side in October, may make a difference when he has had time to settle in — David Mills will be able to play off Alf, making it easier for David, who covers miles during a game.

"And I don't go along with those



STUART BOAM

people who are continually criticising us as a dull team who play only negative football. For example, at Anfield, we were taken to task even though we went home with a point.

"We were accused of being too cautious, yet none of Liverpool's back-four players crossed the half-way line. They treated us with a lot of respect, and obviously remembered that we had beaten them 2-0 down there last season.

"And Liverpool refused to take any chances throughout the game, or push any one forward, which is what they might have been expected to do. They had tactics which they had adhered to, as we did, and we could hardly be expected to present them with goals.

"But Liverpool are the side we'll have to reckon with most if we are to make a strong bid for the Championship, and nobody can underestimate them."

In evaluating hopes of a title challenge, Middlesbrough's fans have great confidence in their defence, rated by some First Division players as the best in the country — yet England manager Don Revie failed to find a place for any Ayresome defenders in his England squad for Italy.

And this is something that Craggs finds hard to understand.

"I'm surprised that players such as Stuart Boam, Willie Maddren and Terry Cooper were not included in the party," says John. "I thought that with their fine form over a long period at least one of them might have been selected.

"But that is the way the game goes — things don't always work out the way you think they will. And if we are disappointed that nobody from this club has been picked for England it will make no difference to our approach to the big problem — of finding a way for Middlesbrough to start getting among the goals and staying at the top of the table."

IN SHOOT/GOAL NEXT WEEK

Features:

The first part of the Jackie Charlton story; Crosstalk between Newcastle manager Gordon Lee and Newport boss Jimmy Scoular on the contrast between running clubs at different ends of the Football League; we pinpoint the up-and-coming young stars of Scotland; plus contributions from John Tudor (Stoke), Ted MacDougall (Southampton); Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Bertie Auld (Partick Thistle manager), Jeff Blockley (Leicester), and Spotlight on Aston Villa.

In Colour:

Bobby Stokes (Southampton), Glenn Keeley (Blackburn), Alan Curtis (Swansea), Kevin Keegan (Liverpool), John Greig with Rangers' trophies, Focus on Brian Kidd (Man. City), Geoff Merrick (Bristol City) and the Aston Villa team group.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 16

SECOND DIVISION

(Continued)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Holmes) 24,910
HEREFORD (0) 0
 Southampton: Middleton; Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Waldron, Blyth, MacDougall, Channon, Osgood, McCalliog, Fisher.
 Hereford: Charlton; Byrne, Burrows, Layton, Tucker, Lindsay (Briley), Paine, Spiring, Davey, McNeil, Lloyd.

THIRD DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Cross) 18,276
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Brighton: Grummitt; Tiler, Wilson, Horton, Rollings, Cross, Towner, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Lee, Walker, Doyle, Turner, Carmichael, Nixon, Gregory (Cozens), Moss, Bradford, Oakes.
CHESTER (1) 1 (Mackenzie o.g.) 4,033
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Chester: Millington; Edwards, Raynor, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Mason, Richardson (Howat), Dearden, Owen, Crossley.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B), Matthews, Mackenzie, Foster (C), Miller, Randall, Cooke (McDonald), Hodgson, McCaffrey.

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Ward) 6,053
 Gillingham: Cawston; Brindley, Spearritt, Williams, Shipperley, Tydeman, Fogarty, Overton, Richardson, Westwood, Durrell.
 Lincoln: Grotier, Branfoot, Neale, Booth, Ellis, Cooper, Fleming, Ward, Freeman, Smith, Hubbard.

GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Lewis) 4,237
YORK (0) 0
 Grimsby: Wainman; Waters, Moore, Donovan, Young, Gray, Lewis, Oldridge (Wigg), Partridge, Boylen, Brolly.
 York: Crawford; Scott, Hunter, Joy, Topping, Woodward, Pollard, Young, Hinch, Seal (Downing), Cave.

OXFORD (1) 2 (Bodel, Foley) 4,806
BURY (1) 2 (Phillips, Hatton)
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Briggs, McGrogan, Jeffrey, Foley, Tait, Duncan.
 Bury: Forrest; Hoolickin, Kennedy, Williams, Thomson, Hatton, Woolfall, Phillips, McIlwraith (Bailey), Rowland, Farrell.

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Cullerton, Tarrt) 5,347
WREXHAM (2) 3 (Whittle 2, Ashcroft) 5,347
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Thomson, Dulson (Cullerton), Tarrt, Ridley, Skeels, Beamish, Bailey, Rogers, McLaren, Brownbill.
 Wrexham: Lloyd; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Ashcroft (Lee), Whittle, Griffiths.

PRESTON (2) 2 (Elwiss 2) 10,524
C. PALACE (1) 1 (Chatterton)
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Williams, Burns, Sadler, Lawrenson, Coleman, Brown, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.
 C. Palace: Hammond; Cannon, Sansom, Holder, Jump, Evans, Chatterton, Hinshelwood (P), Swindlehurst (Wall), Perrin, Heppollette.

READING (0) 0
SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Johnson) 9,449
 Reading: Death; Henderson, Moreline, Cumming, Bennett, Youlden, Stuckey, Murray, Friday (Nelson), Dunphy, Hollis.

SHEFF. W. (0) 0
 Sheff. W.: Turner; Walden, Mullen, Dowd, Cusack, O'Donnell, Walker, Johnson, Tynan (Nimmo), Henson, Bradshaw.

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Crawford) 4,365
TRANMERE (1) 2 (Allen, Tynan)
 Rotherham: McAlister; Stancliffe, Breckin, Pugh (Habbin), Spencer, Wagstaff, Womble, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Matthias, Flood, Griffiths, Philipotts, Cliffe, Peplow, Tynan, Moore, Young, Allen.

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Kearney, Bates 2) 4,737
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Kearney, Bates, Maguire.
 Chesterfield: Hardwick; Badger, Burton, McEwan, Cottam, O'Neill, Jones, Kowalski, Fern, Darling, Bentley.

WALSALL (1) 2 (Taylor, Buckley) 5,529
SWINDON (0) 0
 Walsall: Kearns; Hynd, Harrison, Robinson, Serella, Caswell, Dennehy, Evans, Wright, Buckley, Taylor (Atthey).
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Taylor, McHale, Stroud, Prophet, Moss, Dixon, Syrett, O'Brien, Anderson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Joicey pen.) 3,860
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Gorry, Otulowski, Saunders, Pickering, Warnock, Peachey, Joicey, Brown, Millar.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Howitt, Wallace (J), Wallace (R) (Jopling), Mancini, Wooler, Walton, Morrissey, Howarth, Brodie, McGregor.

BRADFORD C (2) 3 (Ingram 2, Dolan) 5,057
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Jones)
 Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, Ingram, Watson, Cooke (McGinley), Dolan, Hutchins.
 Newport: Plumley; Morgan, Bell, Emanuel, Jones, Derrett, Villars, Williams, Clark, Woods (Walker), Egan.

COLCHESTER (4) 6 (Gough 2, Garwood 3, Allinson) 3,180
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Bielby 2)
 Colchester: Walker, Bright, Williams, Foley, Smith, Packer, Garwood, Gough, Froggatt, Allinson, Cook.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Goad, Luckett, Veitch, Scott, Wiggott, Spelman, Rowlands, Reed, Scaife, Bielby.

CREWE (1) 3 (Abbott, Lugg pen, Purdie) 2,363
HALIFAX (1) 1 (McCann)
 Crewe: Crudginton; Lowry, Evans, Lugg, Nicholls, Mayman, Davies (D), Abbott; Davies (W), Purdie, Tully.
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell (Harris), Kent, McGill, Trainer, Phelan, McCann, Johnston, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Ferguson, Mann) 2,232
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Lane)
 Darlington: Ogley; Nattress, Cochrane (Holbrook), Crosson, Craig, Stone, Lyons, Rowles, Ferguson, Young, Wann.
 Torquay: Lee; Lynch, Sandercock, Rudge, Forbes, Dunne, Morrall, Provan, Foster, Lane, Kennedy.

EXETER 0
WORKINGTON 0 2,958
 Exeter: Key; Templeman (Weeks), Hore, Morrin, Philipson-Masters, Hatch, Hodge, Hooker, Robertson, Holman, Jennings.
 Workington: Rogan; Kisby, Ellison, Kavanagh, Ashworth, Leng, Honour, Lowery, Moore, Donaghy, Goodwin.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Sidebottom, Jones) 7,494
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Kitchen)
 Huddersfield: Poole; Hart, Oliver, Smith, Baines, Hague, Sidebottom, Fowler, Newton, Butler (Jones), Johnson.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall (D), Brookes, Laidlaw, Wignall (S), Taylor, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Woodcock.

ROCHDALE 0 2,302
SOUTHEND 0
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, Lacey, O'Loughlin, Summerscales, Hanvey, Melledew, Mountford, Whelan (Helliwell), Mullington, Tarbuck.
 Southend: Freeman; Moody, Ford, Nicholl, Townsend, Young, Pountney, Clark, Denny, Cunningham, Goodwin.

WATFORD (0) 1 (Garner) 5,667
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Reeves)
 Watford: Rankin; How, Walsh, Craker, Eades, Garner, Coffill, Jenkins, Mercer, Joslyn, Mayes.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Benson, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Rudge (Pateron), Reeves, Riley, Buttle.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 0
CELTIC (0) 2 (Glavin, Craig) 12,871
 Ayr: Geoghegan; McDonald, Murphy, Fleming, Rodman, Fillipi, Ingram, McSherry, McCall (Graham), McCulloch, Robertson (Cramond).
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Stanton, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Glavin, Craig, Dalglis, Wilson.

HIBS 0
PARTICK 0 8,469
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler, Bremner, Stewart, Blackley, Murray, Higgins, Scott (Edwards), McNamara (Fyfe), Smith.
 Partick: Rough; Hansen (J), Whittaker, Hansen (A), Campbell, Anderson, McQuade, Melrose (Love), Somner, Johnston.

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Q'Rourke) 7,932
HEARTS (1) 1 (Gibson)
 Motherwell: Rennie; Millar, Wark, McLaren (McAdam), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, O'Rourke, Graham (Pettigrew), Davidson, Kennedy.
 Hearts: Wilson; Brown, Kay, Jefferies, Gallagher, Clunie, Shaw, Busby, Gibson, Park, Prentice.

RANGERS (0) 1 (Macdonald) 23,000
ABERDEEN (0) 0
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Greig, Jackson, Denny, McLean, Hamilton (McKean), Padane, MacDonald, Johnstone (Henderson).
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Robb, Thomson (Campbell), Fleming, Graham (Rougvie).
 Dundee Utd v Kilmarnock postponed.

MONDAY, OCT. 18

LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round Second Replay)

BOLTON (0) 2 (Jones, Whatmore) 9,315
FULHAM (0) 1 (Nicholson o.g.) at Birmingham
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Taylor, Reid, Smith.
 Fulham: Mellor; Cutbush, Strong, Slough, Howe, Moore, Best, Evanson, Mitchell, Marsh, Bullivant.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter Final Replays)

RANGERS 0 a.e.t. 15,000
CLYDEBANK 0
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Greig, Jackson, Denny, McLean (Henderson), McKean, Parlane, MacDonald, Munro (Watson).
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Provan (McLaughlin), Abel, Fallon, Fanning, Hay, Cooper, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Lumsden.
STIRLING (0) 0 4,027
ABERDEEN (2) 2 (Scott, Smith) at Dens Park
 Stirling: Young; Burns, Steedman, Clark, Kennedy, Carr, McPhee (Nicholl), Duffin, Gray (Steele), Thomson, Armstrong.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Sullivan (Campbell), Scott, Harper, Thomson (Jarvie), Graham.

TUESDAY, OCT. 19

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 2 (Millar, Harris) 4,090
CREWE (2) 2 (Davies D., Davies W.)
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Gorry, Otulowski, Saunders, Pickering, Warnock (Harris), Joicey, Peachey, Millar, Brown.
 Crewe: Crudginton; Lowry, Evans, Lugg, Nicholls, Purdie, Davies (D) (Bowles), Abbott, Davies (W), Mayman, Tully.



Phil Walker scored Millwall's third goal v. Orient in a League Cup second replay.

LEAGUE CUP

(Third Round Second Replay)

MILLWALL (1) 3 (Evans, Fairbrother, Walker) 8,844
ORIENT (0) 0 at Highbury
 Millwall: Goddard; Evans, Donaldson, Brisley, Kitchener, Hazell, Lee, Seaman, Shanahan, Walker, Fairbrother.
 Orient: Jackson; Payne, Roffey, Bennett, Hoadley, Roeder, Cunningham, Fisher, Queen, Allen, Possee (Whittle).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter Final Second Replay)

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Cooper) 14,000
RANGERS (1) 2 (Parlane, McKean) at Firhill
 Clydebank: Gallagher; McLaughlin, Abel, Fallon, Fanning (Provan), Hay, Cooper, Houston (Browning), Larnach, McCallan, Lumsden.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Greig, Watson, Denny, McLean, McKean, Parlane (Henderson), MacDonald (McDougall), Dawson.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20

EUROPEAN CUP

(Second Round First Leg)

TRABZONSPOR (0) 1 (Cemil pen.) 25,000
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Trabzonspor: Senol; Turgay, Necati, Kadir, Cemil, Ali Yavuz (Engin), Bekir, Huseyin, Ali Kemal, Necmi, Ahmet.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Smith, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, McDermott, Heighway (Fairclough), Toshack (Johnson), Callaghan.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

(Second Round First Leg)

CARRICK RANGERS (0) 2 (Irwin, Prenter) 8,000
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 5 (Stokes, Channon 2, McCalliog, Osgood)
 Carrick: Cowan; Hamilton, Macklin, Brown (Reid), Matchett, Whiteside, Allen, Connor, Irwin, Prenter, Cullen (McKenzie).
 Southampton: Middleton; Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Waldron, Blyth, Williams, Channon, Osgood, McCalliog (Earles), Stokes.

HAMBURG (2) 4 (Bjormose, Eigl, Reimann, Kaltz) 22,000
HEARTS (1) 2 (Park, Busby)
 Hamburg: Kargus; Kaltz, Ripp, Winkler, Hidian (Spinke), Zaczky, Bjormose, Eigl, Sperlich, Reimann, Steffenhagen.
 Hearts: Wilson; Brown, Kay, Jefferies, Gallagher, Clunie, Aird (Fraser), Park, Shaw, Busby, Prentice (Gibson).

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Second Round First Leg)

AEK ATHENS (0) 2 (Wagner 2) 32,000
DERBY (0) 0
 Aek: Stergioudis; Tassos, Intzoglou, Ravousis, Theodorides, Tsamis, Nikoloudis, Wagner, Papaioannou, Mavros.
 Derby: Moseley; Thomas, Nish, Macken, McFarland, Todd, Powell, Gemmill (King), Rioch, George, James.

HIBS (2) 2 (Blackley, Brownlie pen.) 12,000
OESTERS VAXJO (0) 0
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler (Murray), Bremner, Stewart, Blackley, Edwards, Muir, Higgins, Smith, Duncan.
 Oesters: Hagberg; Bergqvist, Nordenberg, Arvidsson, Bjorklund, Linderorth, Bild, Svensson (P), Ejderstedt, Svensson (T), Evesson.

MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Hill) 59,021
JUVENTUS (0) 0
 Man. Utd: Steptey; Nicholl, Albiston, Daly (McCreery), Greenhoff, Houston, Coppell, McLroy, Pearson, Macari, Hill.
 Juventus: Zoff; Cuccureddu, Gentile, Furino, Morini, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli, Boninsegna, Benetti, Bettega.

SLOVAN BRATISLAVA (1) 3 (Novotny, Haraslin, Ondrus) 40,000
O.P.R. (2) 3 (Bowles 2, Givens)
 Slovan: Vencel; Elefant, Josef Capkovic, Ondrus, Gogh, Haraslin, Masny, Barto, Pekaric (Kristof), Novotny, Jan Capkovic.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Leach, Masson, Bowles, Givens.

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (2) 5 (Mortimer, Graydon, Gray 2, Little)
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Ball) 33,860
 Villa: Burridge; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, Nicholl, Mortimer, Graydon, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Storey, Ross, O'Leary, Howard, Ball, Brady, Macdonald, Stapleton, Armstrong.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Osgood pen.)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 20,193
 Tottenham: Jennings; Keeley, McAllister, Hoddle, Young, Osgood, Pratt (McNab), Perryman, Moores, Jones, Taylor.
 Birmingham: Latchford; Page, Styles (Rathbone), Calderwood, Gallagher, Pendrey, Jones, Francis, Emmanuel, Hibbitt, Connolly.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Semi Final First Leg)

NOTTM FOREST (1) 2 (Lloyd, Withe)
AYR (0) 1 (Graham pen.) 9,146
 Nottm. F.: Middleton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Bowyer, Haslegrave, O'Neill (Burke), Withe, Butlin, Robertson.
 Ayr: Geoghegan; McDonald, Murphy, Fleming, Rodman, Filippi, Robertson, Graham, Ingram, McCulloch, Cramond.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CELTIC (2) 5 (Glavin 3, Craig, Lennox)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 (Sturrock)
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Stanton, McDonald, Aiken, Doyle (Lennox), Glavin, Craig, Dalglish, Wilson (Burns).
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Rennie (Holt), Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Hegarty, McAdam (Hall), Payne.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Moore, Kenny)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 3,580
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Griffiths, Philpotts, Tynan, Kenny, Cliff, Moore, Young, Allen.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Cumming, Moore, Waters, Young, Gray, Lewis, Partridge, Wigg, Boylen (Oldridge), Broly.

FOURTH DIVISION

DONCASTER (1) 2 (Woodcock, O'Callaghan)
BRADFORD C (0) 3 (Watson, Cooke, Dolan) 6,816
 Doncaster: Peacock; Brookes, Robinson, Laidlaw, Wignall (S), Taylor, Miller, Murray, O'Callaghan, Kitchen, Woodcock.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, Ingram, Watson, Cooke, Dolan, Hutchins.
NEWPORT (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 2 (Charles 2) 3,416
 Newport: Plumley; Morgan, Bell, Emanuel, Jones, Derrett, Williams (Egan), Woods, Williams, Clark, Hooper.
 Swansea: Potter; Evans, Bartley, Bruton, May, Harris, Lally, James, Curtis, Chappell, Charles.
SOUTHPORT (0) 1 (Lyon)
BARNLEY (0) 0 2,308
 Southport: Coates; Sibbald, O'Brien, O'Neil, Higham, Taylor, Lyons (Snookes), Wilkinson, Galley, Wilson, Dewsnip.
 Barnley: Springett; Saunders, Gorry, Murphy, Burke, Pickering, Harris (Warnock), Joicey, Peachey, Millar, Brown.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Nicholl, Gidman, Graydon)
BRISTOL C. (1) 1 (Ritchie) 37,094
 Villa: Burridge; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, Nicholl, Mortimer, Graydon, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
 Bristol C: Bond; Sweeney, Drysdale, Gow (McNeill), Collier, Rodgers, Tainton, Ritchie, Mann, Gillies, Whitehead.
EVERTON (1) 3 (Lyons, King, Latchford)
WEST HAM (0) 2 (McNaught o.g., Bonds) 23,163

Everton: Davies; Darracott, Jones, Lyons, McNaught, Hamilton, King, Dobson (Pearson), Latchford, Goodlass, Telfer.
 West Ham: Day; Bonds, Lampard, Curbishley, Green (Lock), Taylor, Orhan, Paddon, Robson (K), Brooking, Robson (B).

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Whymark)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 25,041
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Wark, Bertschin, Whymark, Woods.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Doyle, Watson, Power, Owen, Kidd, Royle, Hartford, Tueart.

LEEDS (0) 1 (McNiven)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Kennedy) 44,696
 Leeds: Harvey; Reaney, Hampton, Cherry, McQueen, Madeley, Lorimer, Currie, Jordan, Gray (F), (McNiven), Gray (E).
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Keegan, McDermott, Heighway, Toshack (Johnson), Callaghan.

LEICESTER (1) 4 (Weller 2, Earle, Worthington pen.)
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Stapleton) 19,351
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Woollett, Weller, Samuels, Worthington, Alderson, Earle.
 Arsenal: Rimmer; Rice, Storey, Ross, Matthews, Howard, Ball, Brady, Macdonald, Stapleton, Armstrong.

MAN. UTD. (2) 2 (Daly pen., Hill)
NORWICH (0) 2 (Ryan, Boyer) 54,356
 Man. U: Stepany; Nicholl, Houston, Daly, Greenhoff, Waldron, Coppell, McLroy, (McGrath), Pearson, Macari, Hill.
 Norwich: Keelan; Machin, Sullivan, Steele (Ryan), Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Gibbins, Boyer, Suggett, Peters.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Mills)
W.B.A. (0) 0 23,000
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Maddren, McAndrew, Mills, Boersma (Willey), Brine, Armstrong.
 W.B.A.: Osborne; Mulligan, Cantello, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Treacy, Brown (A), Giles, Edwards.

NEWCASTLE (1) 3 (Burns 2, Craig T.)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Gallagher, Francis pen.) 30,898
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Kennedy (Blackhall), Cassidy, McCaffrey, Nulty, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Gowing, Craig (T).
 Birmingham: Latchford; Rathbone, Page, Calderwood (Emmanuel), Gallagher, Pendrey, Jones, Francis, Burns, Hibbitt, Connolly.

Q.P.R. (1) 2 (McLintock, Bowles)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 22,408
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, McLintock, Webb, Thomas, Kelly, Masson, Bowles, Givens.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Ashurst, Bolton, Towers, Clarke, Holton, Rowell (Henderson), Greenwood, Lee, Train, Foggion.

STOKE (0) 1 (Tudor)
DERBY (0) 0 20,916
 Stoke: Shilton; Lumsden, Pejic, Bithell, Dodd, Bloor, Salmons, Greenhoff, Tudor, Hudson, Sheldon.
 Derby: Moseley; Thomas, Nish, Macken (Daniel), McFarland, Todd, Powell, King, Rioch, George, James.

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Murphy) 21,877
 Tottenham: Jennings; Keeley, McAllister, Hoddle, Young, Osgood, Coates, Perryman, Moores (McNab), Jones, Taylor.
 Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Dugdale, Holmes, Cartwright, Murphy, Ferguson, Powell, Beck.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 0
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Finnieston 2, 1 pen.) 15,039
 Blackburn: Bradshaw; Fazackerley, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Hawkins, Hird, Silvester (Mitchell), Wagstaffe, Parkes, Svarc.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Wilkins (G), Stanley, Wicks, Harris, Bason, Willins (R), Finnieston, Lewington, Swain.

BRISTOL R. (1) 1 (Prince)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Hall) 10,258
 Bristol R: Eadie; Day, Williams, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Stephens, Fearnley, Warboys, Bannister, Powell.
 Plymouth: Ramsbottom; Randell, Horswill, Delve (Johnson), Sutton, Green, Hall, Hamilton, Trusson, Harrison, Collins.



Trevor Whymark scored the only goal of the game for Ipswich against Manchester City.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Evans 2)
BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Hattion, Spence) 12,178
 Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Buchanan (Attley), Went, Larmour, Livermore, Sayer, Alston, Evans, Anderson.
 Blackpool: Wood; Gardner, Harrison, Ronson, Hart, Suddaby, Ainscow, Spence, Walsh, Hattion, Bentley.

CHARLTON (1) 3 (Curtis pen., Flanagan, Hales)
SHEFF. UTD. (2) 2 (Hamilton, Johnstone) 11,307
 Charlton: Wood; Hammond, Berry, Hunt, Giles, Curtis, Powell, Hales, Flanagan, Bowman, Warman.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Franks, Garner, Calvert, Colquhoun, Flynn (Speight), Woodward, Johnstone, Guthrie, Longhorn, Hamilton.

FULHAM 0
HULL 0 18,671
 Fulham: Mellor; Cutbush, Strong, Slough, Howe, Moore, Best, Evanson, Mitchell, Marsh, Bullivant.
 Hull: Wealdens; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Haigh, Nisbet, Lyall, Hawley (Sunley), Hemmerman, Galvin.

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Spiring)
NOTTS CO (1) 4 (Sims 2, Needham, Busby) 7,462
 Hereford: Charlton; Byrne, Burrows, Layton, Tucker, Lindsay, Briley, Spiring, Davey, McNeil, Lloyd (Galley).
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, Mann, Ross, Needham, Stubbs, Sims, Vinter, Busby, Probert, Scanlon.

LUTON (0) 1 (Chambers)
SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Peach 2, 1 pen, MacDougall, Holmes) 12,123
 Luton: Barber; Price, Buckley, Chambers, Faulkner, Fitcher (P), Husband, West, Fuccillo, Deans, Aston.
 Southampton: Montgomery; Rodrigues, Peach, Holmes, Waldron, Blyth, Williams, Channon, MacDougall, McCalliog, Fisher.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 5 (Curran, Robertson pen., Butlin, O'Neill 2)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Flynn, Smith) 15,281
 Nottm F: Middleton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Bowyer, Curran (Barrett), O'Neill, Withe, Butlin, Robertson.
 Burnley: Peyton; Scott, Pashley, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Flynn, Fletcher, Smith, Morley.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Halom, Wood)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Greaves, Taylor) 15,811
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Chapman, Shaw, Young, Halom, Robins.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Taylor, Reid, Waldron.

WOLVES (2) 4 (Sunderland 3, Carr)
CARLISLE (0) 0 15,563
 Wolves: Pierce; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Munro, McAlle, Hibbitt (Bailey), Carr, Sunderland, Kindon, Kelly.
 Carlisle: Ross; Hoolickin, Gorman, Bonnyman, MacDonald (O'Neill), Parker, Smith, Barry, Lathan, Rafferty, Martin.
 Orient v Millwall postponed.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (0) 3 (Rowland, Woolfall, McIlwraith)
PRESTON (2) 2 (Bruce 2) 8,724
 Bury: Forrest; Brown, Kennedy, Williams, Thomson, Hutton, Woolfall, Phillips (Ent-whistle), Rowland, McIlwraith, Farrell.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Williams, Burns, Sadler, Lawrenson, Coleman, Brown, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Fern)
WALSALL (0) 0 4,516
 Chesterfield: Hardwick; Badger, Burton, McEwan, Cottam, O'Neill, Jones, Darling, Fern, Kowalski, Bentley (Welch).
 Walsall: Kearns; Hynd, Harrison, Robinson, Serella, Caswell (Bates), Dennehy, Evans, Wright, Buckley, Taylor.

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Swindlehurst, Evans)
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Gwyther) 13,819
 C. Palace: Hammond; Cannon, Sansom, Holder, Jump, Evans, Chatterton, Hinselwood (P), Swindlehurst, Perrin, Heppollette.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Green, Breckin, Pugh, Stancliffe, Spencer, Womble, Phillips, Gwyther, Wagstaff, Crawford.

COLN (1) 3 (Cooper, Ward 2)
READING (0) 1 (Hollis) 6,502
 Coln: Grotier; Branfoot, Neale, Booth, Ellis, Cooper, Hubbard, Ward, Freeman, Smith, Fleming (Harding).
 Reading: Death; Henderson, Moreline, Cumming, Bennett, Youlden, Murray, Hollis (Hetzke), Friday, Dunphy, Stuckey.

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Foster, C.)
BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Cattlin) 7,240
 Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B.), Matthews, Mackenzie, Foster (C.), Miller, Eccles, Randall, Hodgson, McCaffrey.
 Brighton: Gummitt; Tiler; Cattlin, Horton, Rollings, Cross, Towner, Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Taylor o.g., Doyle)
OXFORD (0) 0 6,111
 Peterborough: Waugh; Lee, Carmichael, Doyle, Turner, Jeffries, Oakes, Cozens, Moss, Bradford, Nixon.
 Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Shuker, Bodel, Clarke, Briggs, McGrogan, Jeffrey (Seacole), Foley, Tait, Duncan.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Pollock)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Beamish) 7,516
 Portsmouth: Lloyd; Piper, Viney, Denyer, Ellis, Cahill, Pullar, Kamara (Foster), Green, Pollock, Mellows.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Thomson, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Tarrt, McLaren, Beech, Rogers, Beamish, Williams.

SHEFF. WED. (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Hornsby) 17,030
 Sheff. Wed: Turner; Walden, Mullen, Jefferson, Dowd, O'Donnell, Wyde, Johnson, Tynan, Henson, Bradshaw.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Kearney, Bates, Maguire.

SWINDON (2) 5 (Anderson 2 pens., Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (McGowan) 7,285
 Swindon: Allan; Dixon, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Proppett, Moss, McLaughlin, Syrett, McHale, Anderson.
 Northampton: Starling; Gregory, Tucker, Best, Robertson, Phillips, Farrington, McGowan, Reilly, Hall (Stratford), Christie.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Shinton 2)
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Overton) 7,370
 Wrexham: Lloyd; Hill, Evans, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Ashcroft, Whittle, Griffiths.
 Gillingham: Cawston; Spearritt, Brindley, Williams, Shipperley, Galvin, Tydeman, Overton, Richardson, Weatherly, Nicholl.

YORK (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 2 (Crossley pen., Dearden) 2,182
 York: Crawford; Scott, Hunter, Holmes, Topping, Woodward, Pollard, Young (Hosker), Hinch, Cave, Downing.
 Chester: Millington; Edwards, Raynor, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Mason, Richardson, Dearden, Owen, Crossley.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK
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 YOUR SHOOT/GOAL

'GOLDEN GOALS I'LL NEVER FORGET'

MOST players, especially strikers, will tell you that all goals are good goals — there's no such thing as a bad one.

Fortunately, more and more clubs have seen the light and realised goals are what the fans want to see and are changing from a defensive policy to one of attack and entertainment.

As a result there have been quite a few high-scoring games already this season.

For instance, I can recall: Villa 5, Arsenal 1; Forest 4, Hereford 3; Swindon 5, Sheffield Wednesday 2; Brighton 7, York 2; Brighton 7, Walsall 0; Birmingham 5, Derby 1; Derby 8, Spurs 2; Burnley 4, Charlton 4 — and, of course, Manchester United 7, Newcastle 2 in the League Cup.

That match will always have a special significance for me — because I scored the first hat-trick of my professional career.

Stewart Houston, Stuart Pearson, Jimmy Nicholl and Stevie Coppell got the others, with Nattrass and Burns replying for the luckless Magpies.

But how did I get my magical three? I thought you'd never ask!

The first was a volley. A cross from Gerry Daly swung out from their 'keeper and came towards me on the left. The ball bounced once before I hit it past Mahoney.

The second was a lob over the 'keeper. Jimmy Nicholl clipped the ball into the area and Pancho Pearson flicked it on with his head. I was on hand to finish-off the move.

Then after a one-two with Sammy McIlroy in midfield, I ran down the left-wing on the blind side of Newcastle defender Nattrass.

By this time Gerry Daly had the ball and was moving forward. As Nattrass committed himself to the tackle, Gerry slipped the ball to me. I steamed through, took the ball in my stride and slotted it home.

The crowd went mad — so did I. I really felt great, overwhelmed.

my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**

At the end Brian Greenhoff, skipper in place of the injured Martin Buchan, congratulated me. So did the boss, Tommy Docherty, and his assistant Tommy Cavanagh.

I was later presented with the match-ball which all the lads autographed for me. It's a tradition in all clubs that a player scoring a hat-trick is given the ball.

I'll always treasure that souvenir of my night of glory.

Mind you, I get almost as much pleasure out of helping to create a goal as I do by scoring one.

Note I said **ALMOST**. There's really no finer sight, or greater thrill than seeing your shot or header hit the back of the net.

I'll always treasure my first hat-trick as much as a goal I scored for Millwall against Newcastle's North-Eastern rivals Sunderland at The Den.

I believe it was in December, 1973, and Sunderland were riding high in the Second Division at the time.

Millwall were about 16th in the table and struggling to find form.

Anyhow the score was 1-1 with about three minutes to go when Alf Wood (now with Middlesbrough) centred hard and low across their area. I ran through and caught the ball on the volley to beat Jim Montgomery all ends up.

I had a joke with Monty about the goal afterwards because up until then I'd had no luck against him.

Previously, no matter how well I hit shots, he always pulled off great saves.

Best Two

Remember that December afternoon, Monty? Not a bad way to break my duck against you, was it?

Regular readers of my column will know I rate as my best goals for United the two I scored against Derby at Hillsborough in last season's F.A. Cup Semi-Final. They gave United victory and took us to Wembley.

I'll also never forget my first goal for the club, scored at Bramall Lane on December 13th, 1975, when United beat Sheffield United 4-1.

It wasn't a particularly good goal or of any significance, except to me. My second goal for United was important to the club.

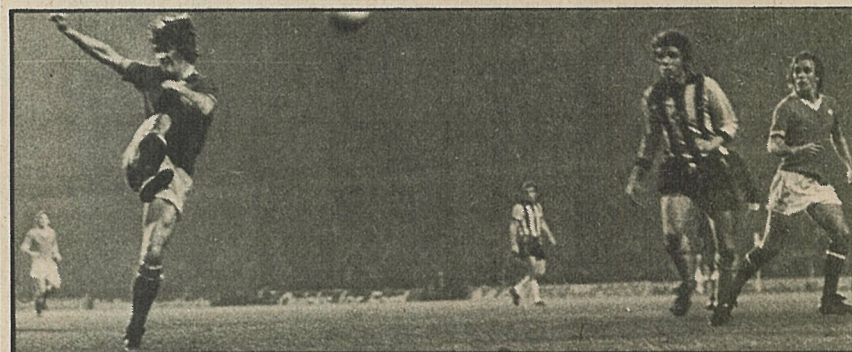
A week later we were at home to Wolves. The score was 0-0 with just a minute to go when I struck the ball on the volley to give their 'keeper Phil Parkes no chance.

The crowd of some 44,000 went wild ... I'd never heard a noise like it.

I scored a similar type of goal a few weeks later in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup against Peterborough at Old Trafford.

United were winning 2-1 at the time and my volley from outside the area squashed The Posh's fight-back to force a draw.

I seem to specialise in volleys — remember the one I scored against Juventus in our U.E.F.A. Cup tie



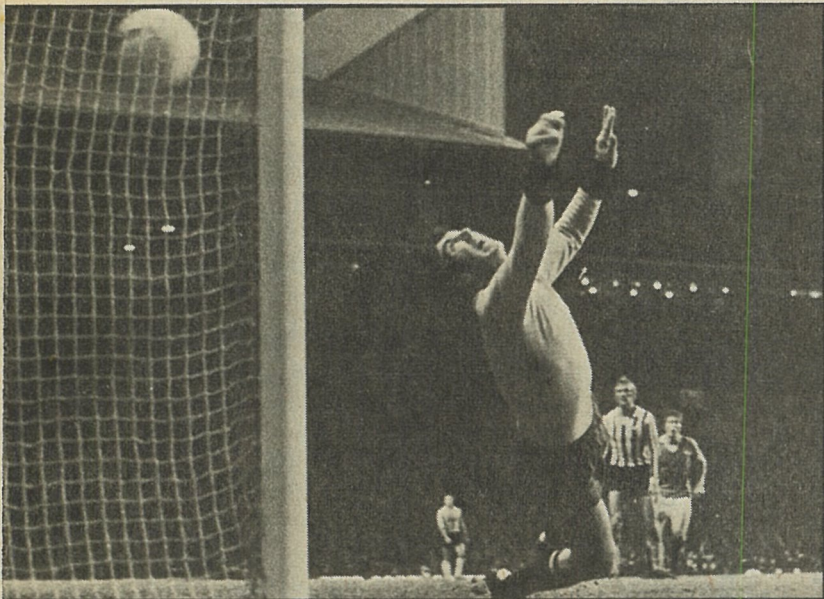
Top of opposite page: Juventus 'keeper Dino Zoff is beaten by Gordon's fierce shot during the U.E.F.A. Cup-tie first-leg at Old Trafford.

Above: Gordon's first goal v. Newcastle.

Left: His second and United's fifth from a lob.

Below: Goal number three for Gordon and United's seventh.





first-leg at Old T?

Jimmy Nicholl moved along the right and centred. Coppell, in the middle of the area, deflected the ball away from the Italian defence and I smashed it first time past keeper Dino Zoff from inside the box.

As you know, I was confident United would score more goals in the return in Turin.

Unfortunately, we didn't and got beaten 3-0. No excuses, Juventus were much the better side on the night and could easily have had four or five, but for a magnificent display by Alex Stepney.

The best goal of the night came on the half hour and it wiped out our first-leg lead.

A pass was flicked forward by winger Franco Causio to midfielder Mario Tardelli.

He ran down the right and hit a perfect cross to Roberto Boninsegna who volleyed it past Alex.

Boninsegna added a second in the 63rd minute before Romeo Benetti dragged Alex off his line to lob a third near the end.

What United needed in Turin was a Jimmy Greaves or a Denis Law — the two finest strikers I have ever seen.

Jimmy, now playing in the Southern League for Chelmsford, had the uncanny knack, or rather special kind of skill, of scoring goals out of nothing.

One minute you didn't notice him, the next — Bomp — Jimmy had popped up from nowhere to stick one away.

Denis Law wasn't far behind Greavesie in the goalscoring genius stakes.

I remember The King most for his fantastic heading ability.

Denis was amazing in the air. He seemed to hang there like a bird, suspended, neck arched ready to swoop from all angles.

None of today's strikers rates with either of those two.

This season Stan Bowles (Q.P.R.), Bob Latchford (Everton), Derek Hales (Charlton), Andy Gray (Villa) and our own Stuart Pearson are at the top of the goalscorers' chart.

Malcolm Macdonald? Supermac

won't thank me for reminding him he's going through a bad spell. I hope he comes good again soon — football needs his swashbuckling, crowd-pulling style.

Leicester's Frank Worthington and Chris Garland are capable of scoring goals and winning games.

But like Supermac, I hope they are off form this Saturday for United's visit to Filbert Street.

Leicester are one of football's mystery teams. When they are good they are very, very good — when they are bad they are awful.

Because of their inconsistency in the past, teams have often underestimated them and come unstuck.

Perhaps United were a little guilty of this in last season's corresponding game which we lost 2-1.

City are going well this term, but I'm confident, as always, of coming home on Saturday with a good result.

Let's all hope there are many golden goals at Filbert Street ... with United scoring most of them.

Left Out

Before closing, just a comment on Don Revie's decision to leave me out of the final 22 for England's vital World Cup-tie in Italy.

I'm writing this before the game, so I can't mention the result. All I hope is that England did well.

Obviously, I was disappointed at not being in the squad. Playing for England, or just being involved in the preparations, means so much to me.

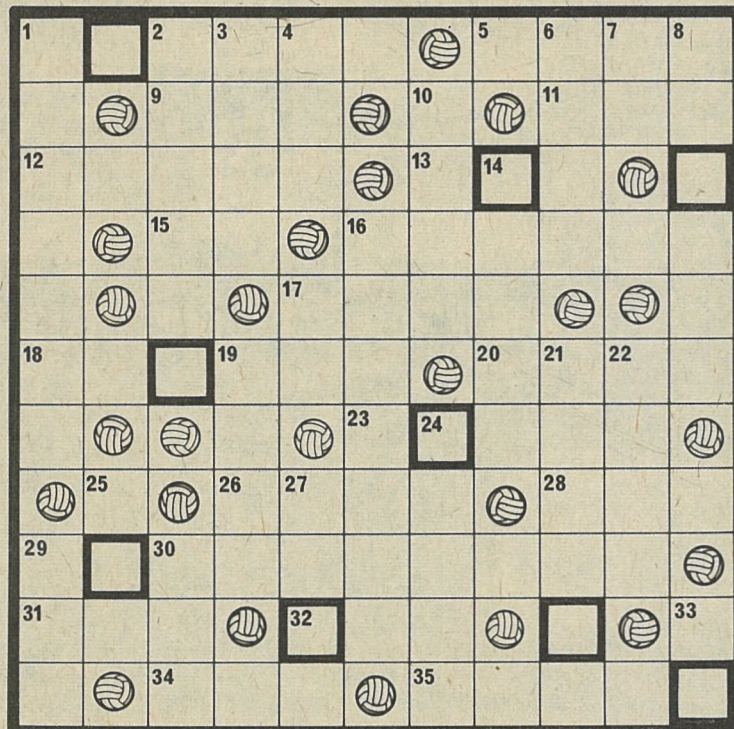
For a few days I felt sick. It was as if the roof had suddenly caved in on my dream world.

But it's not in my nature to be down for long. I'm now more determined than ever to get back into the reckoning and establish myself in the England side.

Join me again next week? Magic!

Gordon Hill

Go for the Double



After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds and Scotland winger. Answers on page 42.

ACROSS:

- (1) Kevin —, Liverpool striker.
- (5) David —, Derby County full-back.
- (9) — Cantello, West Brom full-back.
- (11) Gol-st-n- Ground, Brighton.
- (12) Geoff —, Newcastle United midfielder player.
- (13) K-ith Os-od of Spurs.
- (15) Rodney M-r-h of Fulham.
- (16) Peter —, goalkeeper — also of Fulham.
- (17) Friend, companion or fellow worker.
- (18) Eluded with a swerving or zigzag movement.
- (20) Brentford are nicknamed "The —".
- (23) Take five letters from Leicester to make "upright".
- (26) Carl — United from Brunton Park.
- (28) Jump on one foot.
- (29) Steve —, Chelsea striker.
- (31) John F-u-kn-r of Luton.
- (32) Mike —o-l- of Manchester City.
- (34) Neckwear — or a special match.
- (35) Touchy — with a trial to start!

DOWN:

- (1) Alan —, Newcastle full-back.
- (2) — Road ground, home of Leeds United.

- (3) -r---y Road, home of Crewe. Obtains from the missing letters.
- (4) R-y Ke-ned- of Liverpool.
- (6) Object of admiration (a star player, for instance).
- (7) Alan -l-ugh of Fulham.
- (8) Usual abbreviation of Scottish club from Tynecastle Park.
- (10) Parts of the lower body for which footballers need special care.
- (14) — Park, Brechin City's ground.
- (16) Paul —, Leeds back-four player.
- (17) Joe --r-er, Coventry City director.
- (19) Obtain or win — like a Cup or medal, for instance.
- (21) Repetition of sound — as in an empty grandstand.
- (22) Famous public school who reached the F.A. Cup Final six times.
- (24) Manch----- United. Put in position again from the missing letters.
- (25) Word representing no score.
- (27) One half or face of something — often used also to describe a team.
- (29) A player must not allow himself to get thus.
- (30) "The Hor--s" from Vicarage Road.
- (33) Liam -rad- of Arsenal.

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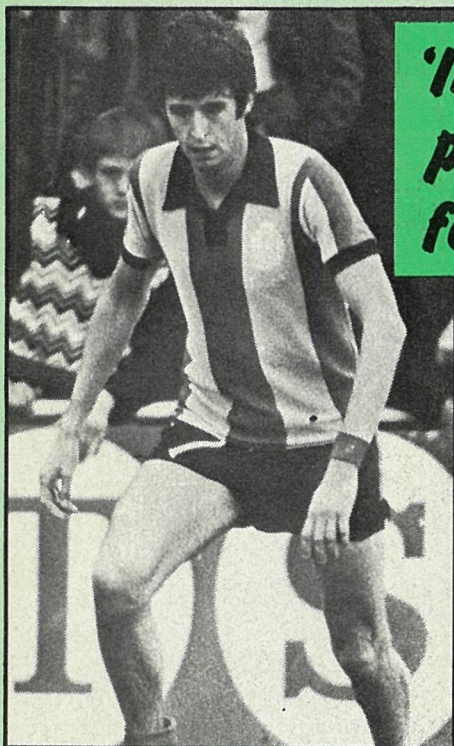
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WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SCOTTISH PREMIER AND THEIR FIRST DIVISION?



'In the First, it's like playing in a forgotten world'

BOBBY HOUSTON
(Partick Thistle)



'Yes, but your old team-mate could take us into the Premier'

DAVIE HAYES
(Morton)

THERE has been a lot of praise for the new Premier League set-up in Scotland which is now in its second season. However, what is it like outside the Top Ten? And what is it like to fight your way into the big League?

Today a Premier League player and a First Division star talk about the differences between the Divisions. Bobby Houston, Partick Thistle's bright and clever Scottish Under-23 international attacker, and Morton's rugged, resolute defender Davie Hayes take the SHOOT/GOAL platform.

HOUSTON: We had some good games last season in the First Division, didn't we, Davie?

HAYES: You can say that again, Bobby. They were hard-fought — especially the game at Cappielow that ended in a draw. I thought we might have beaten you with a bit of luck that day.

HOUSTON: You mean we might have beaten YOU with a bit of luck! I thought Thistle more than deserved their title success last season. I don't think anyone could argue with that.

HAYES: Who's arguing? I'm just trying to point out how close it can be. We were not disgraced against you — I still think we were unlucky at

Cappielow — but look at the position we are in today. You have won promotion to the Premier League and we're still fighting to get there.

HOUSTON: I agree with you when you say Morton can rise to the occasion. Cappielow is the sort of ground where no team can look forward to playing. It's always tough there . . . every point has to be fought for. However, it's consistency that wins Championships and that is what we had at Firhill.

HAYES: Yes, I take your point. We had some good results, but we also had some very bad and unexpected defeats. However, now your former team-mate Benny Rooney has joined us as player-manager he has got us ticking over in EVERY match

HOUSTON: Benny played a vital part in our promotion-winning side last season and it would be nice to see him getting his reward next term with another Championship. Do you think it's possible?

HAYES: Of course! We're stringing the results together now and we've got a good blend of youth and experience in the side. We've got young players like Mark McGhee, John McNeill and another former Firhill player Jim Holmes. And, of course, there is experience in the shape of Benny Rooney, former Kilmarnock striker Eddie Morrison and

ex-Motherwell leader John Goldthorp.

HOUSTON: That sounds like a good balance, Davie, but how do you think you would do in the Premier League if you were promoted?

HAYES: I think we would settle for a middle-of-the-table place at the start. That would give us the chance to settle. There is no point at all in going up and going down the next season. It's a nice thought playing in the Premier League, but we've still got a long way to go before we can actually think along those lines. There are an awful lot of points to be won.

HOUSTON: That's the right attitude. No one at Firhill talked about Premier League football until that trophy had arrived at Firhill with our colours on it! But I must say it is great to be in this League . . . there are so many things in its favour.

HAYES: Like publicity for a start! In some papers you don't even get a mention of the First Division. I pity the poor guys in the Second! Look at the match reports, for instance. First Division games always seem to be stuck at the bottom of the page. They're so small you can miss them quite easily. But look at the Premier League reports. There's no chance of missing them. I know the Press have a difficult job to do and

there isn't always a lot of space, but it still seems unfair to me.

HOUSTON: We had the same problem last season. It's like playing in a forgotten world. The only thing you can do is make sure you get promotion!

HAYES: And that is what we are aiming at. We've got off to a good start and I'm certain we can sustain that form. With Benny Rooney guiding us we can be confident without being complacent.

HOUSTON: Well, I wish you all the best, Davie, and I look forward to playing against you in the Premier next season.

HAYES: Remember one of the last games we played against each other?

HOUSTON: How could I forget . . . I was ordered off for a tackle on you! It was a mistake — I think you know that.

HAYES: Of course, I do. Football's a man's game and I wouldn't expect any player to give me a free kick of the ball — I certainly don't let any rival player get time and space when I'm going in.

HOUSTON: Anyway, I hope nothing like that happens again.

HAYES: I'm certain it won't. All the best — and see you in the Top Ten!

FOCUS ON SAM ALLARDYCE

Bolton

FULL NAME: Sam Allardyce
BIRTHPLACE: Dudley, Worcestershire
BIRTHDATE: 19th October, 1954
HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins
WEIGHT: 13st 10lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: Yes
CHILDREN: One son
CAR: Hillman Hunter
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Roy McFarland
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wolves
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Mike Channon
MOST MEMORABLE MATCHES: The three F.A. Cup-ties against Newcastle United last season
BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring and playing well
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on promotion last term
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain
FAVOURITE FOOD: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good food, golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling, the tax-man
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Fawlty Towers, Monty Python, Benny Hill
FAVOURITE SINGER: Barry White
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Lee Marvin, Susan George
BEST FRIEND: Barry Siddall, who has just left Bolton for Sunderland
BIGGEST INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father and George Pearson, a schoolteacher
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Bad referees and being injured
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play in the First Division, a Wembley Cup Final and for my country
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: As above
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A chef
WHICH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Actor John Cleese and Muhammad Ali



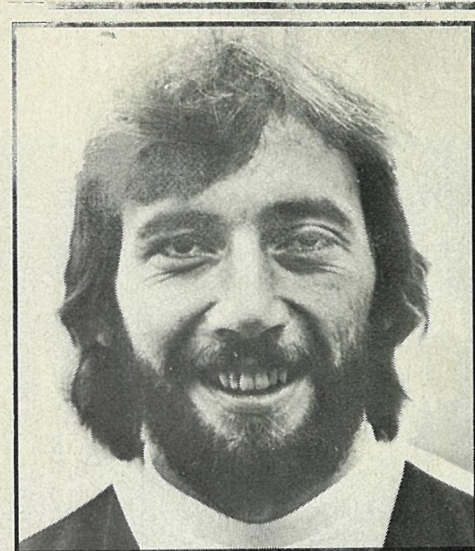
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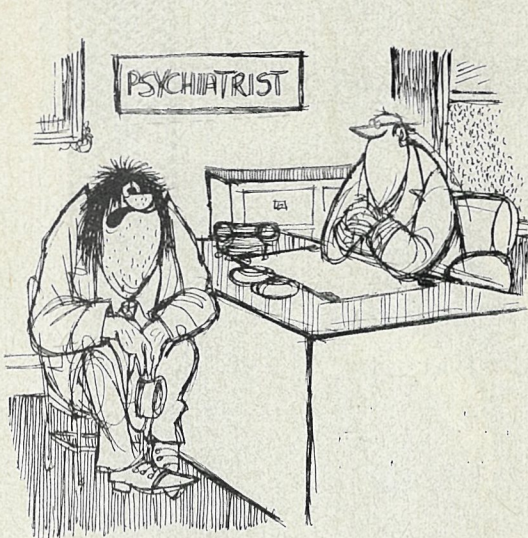
A full-page photograph of a football player, Keith Weller, in a Leicester City kit. He is wearing a blue short-sleeved jersey with white trim on the sleeves and collar, white shorts with a blue stripe down the side, and white socks with blue stripes. He has curly dark hair and is looking off to the side. In the background, another player in a white kit is visible, and the stadium stands are blurred.

KEITH WELLER
Leicester City

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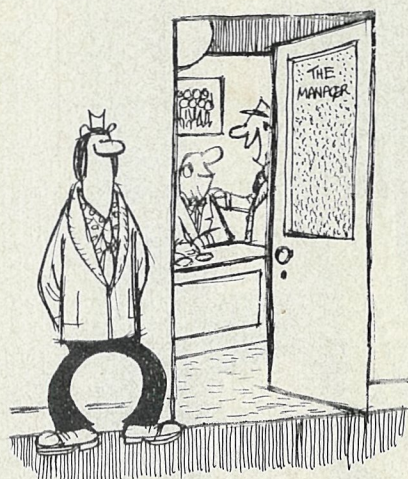
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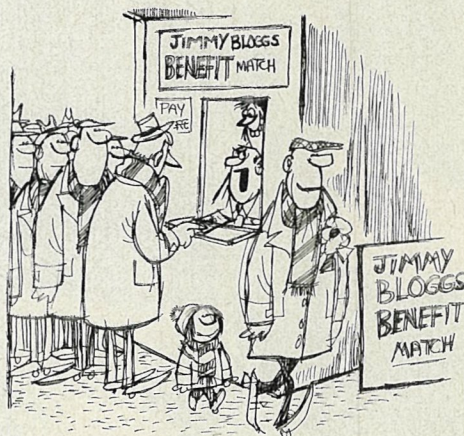
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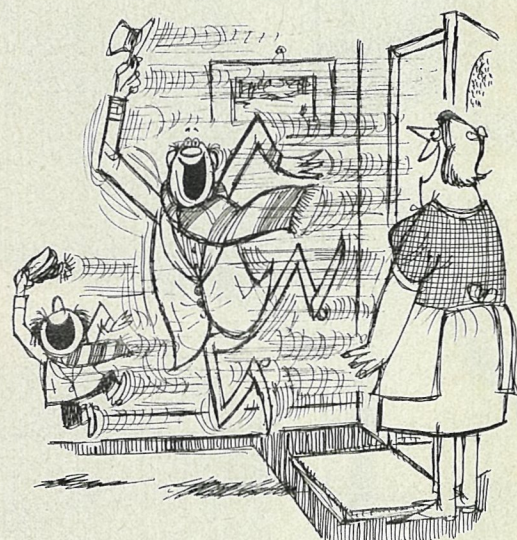
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'SEVEN SIDES IN WITH A TITLE-CHANCE'



TARTAN TALK

Kenny Dalglish

THE last week of October could turn out to be the most significant in Scottish football for a long, long time. It could, I believe, be a fair measure of just how much times are a-changing.

Consider the facts first of all. Rangers were crushed by a superb Motherwell display and Celtic fell to Aberdeen at Pittodrie — and both, by the way, highly entertaining matches.

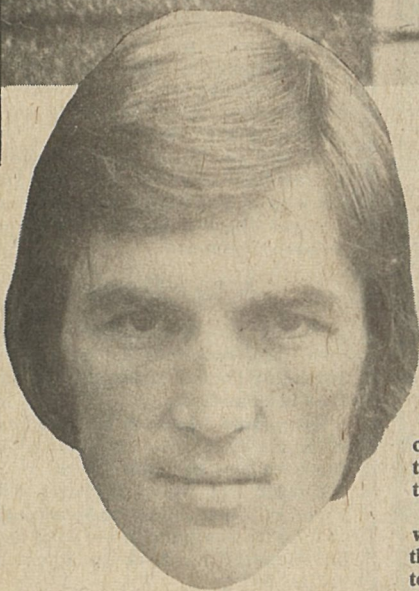
Then we beat Hearts — narrowly — in the League Cup Semi-Final at Hampden on the Monday and two days later that Aberdeen side scored an Old Firm double by destroying Rangers 5-1 in the other Semi, again at Hampden.

My deduction from all that is just what I have been saying all along ... that the gap is beginning to close between the Old Firm and the rest and the balance of power, as Celtic progress through this transitional season, is beginning to swing back to Parkhead from Ibrox.

It was an amazing week and despite that defeat by Aberdeen, I had something to celebrate myself, apart from Celts reaching their 13th successive League Cup Final.

The penalty I scored at Pittodrie was my 100th League goal for the club in 174 League games, although I took more satisfaction from scoring the two goals against Hearts in the Semi!

I scored another penalty v. Aberdeen in the Final at Hampden. That goal gave us a 1-0 lead but The Dons fought back and beat us 2-1 with an



Kenny Dalglish (above, hoops) scores his and Celtic's first goal against Hearts in the League Cup Semi-Final.

extra-time winner from substitute Davie Robb.

We face Hearts at Tynecastle on Saturday (November 20th) and such is the job John Hagart has done since he took over as manager that it could be one of the toughest games of the season.

They are a fine side and I rate them as one of the seven clubs who could take the Premier League title.

They have some fair players, like skipper Jimmy Brown, experienced Drew Busby, Donald Park, who never seems to stop buzzing, or the guy I see as one of the most under-rated players in Scottish football ... striker Willie Gibson.

And on Saturday they could have Kenny Aird, Ralph Callaghan and Sandy Burrell back in the side. All three missed the Semi-Final because

of injury and all are repaying the faith that John Hagart showed in them last term.

Actually, the more you think about what John did for Hearts — dragging them from the bottom of the League to a place in the Scottish Cup Final and consequently the European Cup-Winners' Cup — the more you realise what a good job he is doing for his club.

And yet, for the sake of Scottish football, I am glad to announce he is not the only one. As I said earlier, any one of seven sides could win the title.

Contention

I think that even Bertie Auld, Willie Fernie and Alex Stuart would be happy if they could be assured that Partick Thistle, Kilmarnock and Ayr United will just stay up ... but even these sides need only string a few results together and they are back in contention for a place in Europe.

Everybody is playing for something ... the title, Europe or to avoid relegation and it means that there is no midway in the table. It has turned the

Premier League into a League and a half!

It is much the same story in the First Division where over 10,000 turned out to watch St Mirren and Clydebank. Football is under pressure ... but it is not dying.

Not when you hear about the Celtic fan who travelled from Leicester all the way to Aberdeen just to watch us at Pittodrie. And although we were beaten he still reckoned it was the best game he had seen for a long time.

Yes, there are I am sure, going to be a lot more defeats for both Rangers and Celtic this season, but we realise at Parkhead that we have no divine right to success.

It has to be worked for just in the same way as football has to be worked at as a team game. I mean what is the use of one player being on form if the club aren't winning?

Finally, I would like to welcome former Derby County, Hibs and Morton goalkeeper Roy Baines to Parkhead. Roy joined us after being in dispute with Morton and now he is ready to challenge fellow Englishman Peter Latchford for the first-team spot.

If this carries on someone will have to invent a word for the opposite of Anglos!

Kenny Dalglish

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Some Sub!

Has a sub ever come on and scored a hat-trick?

**F. MOSAM,
WEDNESBURY**

● Well, it obviously doesn't happen all that often — but perhaps the most dramatic example came about in the European Championship Semi-Final last June.

Then, with West Germany trailing 1-2 to Yugoslavia, manager Schoen took a chance in bringing on "unknown" Cologne striker Dieter Muller.

After heading home a corner with his first touch of the ball, Muller — no relation to the famous Gerd — went on to complete a hat-trick for the West Germans to get through to the Final by 4-2.

And it was young Dieter's international debut at that!

Goals galore

The season before last I saw a game in which Shrewsbury beat Doncaster 7-4. Has that aggregate of goals ever been bettered in a Football League match?

**KEITH RICHARDS,
SHROPSHIRE**

● Yes, on a number of occasions, Keith — though, unfortunately, it's pretty rare to see an 11-goals-plus feast nowadays.

The all-time Football League record is 17 — Tranmere 13, Oldham 4 — on Boxing Day, 1935.

Ireland in Europe

Will you please tell me which Irish team, from North or South, has got furthest in any of the big European competitions?

**PETER DALY,
CRAIGAVON**

● Best so far, Peter, has been the Quarter-Final stage — achieved both by Linfield and Glentoran.

Linfield got there in the European Cup in 1966-67, the season Celtic became the first British club to win it.

Before going down to powerful CSKA Sofia, they beat Aris Bonneveg (Luxembourg) and Vaaleregens (Norway).

Then, in 1973-74, Glentoran reached the Quarter-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup — beating Chimia Ramnicu (Rumania) and Brann Bergen (Norway) before losing to Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Little-but-good

Can you tell me anything about Burnley's Brian Flynn; especially how tall he is?

**MARIA COUGHLIN,
SWANSEA**

● How tall? How *small* you mean, don't you, Maria? Little - but - good Brian stands just 5ft. 3ins.

A Welsh Youth international, his tricky play was spotted as a youngster by Burnley, who gave him his League debut in February, 1974.

And Flynn kicked-off what could be a long full international career when he came on as sub against Luxembourg in a European Championship game at Swansea the following November.

Trevor Hockey

I've always been interested in Trevor Hockey. Can you tell me how many games he played, and how many goals he scored, for each of his clubs?

**LARS HELLE,
NORWAY**

● Much-travelled Trevor kicked-off with Bradford City in the 1959-60 season, Lars.

53 League games and five goals later, he moved to Nottingham Forest with 75 games (six goals).

Then, in turn, it was on to Newcastle (52 games/three goals); Sheffield United (68 games/four goals); Norwich (13 games/no goals); and Aston Villa (24 games/one goal).

Eventually Hockey finished-up where he began — at Bradford City — with another 44 games (one goal) before his contract was cancelled in March, 1976.

Who's Josef?

My friend says that Sepp Maier's Christian name isn't really Sepp at all. Is he right, please?

**PETER CRAMPIN,
RAYLEIGH**

● Yes, he is, Peter. When the famous West German goalkeeper was born in Bavaria on 28th February, 1944, he was christened Josef.

Sepp is just a pet name — rather like the British tennis star, Buster Mottram.

SHORT PASSES

● The Scottish F.A. was formed in 1873; the Scottish League in 1890.

**(ANDREW HARGRAVE,
Peterborough)**

● Up to the start of this season, Pat Jennings had played a club-record of 449 League games for Tottenham.

(MARTIN FOULKES, Stafford)

● Chelsea were founded in April, 1905, and admitted to Division Two for the following season.

(IAIN SHARP, Whitley Bay)

● West Bromwich won the League title in 1919-20; and the F.A. Cup in 1888, 1892, 1931, 1954 and 1968.

(PAUL PHILLIPS, Bristol)

● Arsenal's ground capacity (record 73,295 in 1935) is now 60,000; that of Spurs (record 75,038 in 1938) is now 52,000.

(SCOTT BRUCE, Dundee)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

my side of soccer
GERRY FRANCIS

'Our

tered badly in the League and eventually only just missed relegation! A lesson to be learned there.

Anyway, I'm looking forward to Cologne's visit next week even if once more I'll be watching on from the stand.

It's probably too early to draw any conclusions from our European run to date, other than to confirm what we at Rangers knew: that our football is suited to the Continental game and we shall be a major force in the competition.

1.F.C Cologne are one of West Germany's most famous clubs. They have accumulated more points in the 13-year-old Bundesliga than any other club.

Since the Super League began, Cologne had played (up to the start of this season) 434 games earning 515 points scoring 848 goals in the process.

Last season, they moved into the 60,000-capacity Müngersdorfer Stadium, one of the most modern in Europe, I'm told.

I HAVE no doubt that 1.F.C Cologne — our opponents in the U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round — will turn out to be our stiffest challenge to date in the competition.

They come to Loftus Road next Wednesday (November 24th), and a packed house (I hope) should see a memorable game.

To be honest, our opponents in the last Round — the Czechs from Slovan Bratislava — were a major disappointment.

I'd even go as far as to say Slovan are the worst team we've played at home this season!

When you consider the quality of their individuals — they supplied the nucleus of the European Championship-winning national side — Slovan were surprisingly poor in every department.

Their marking in defence was dreadful at Loftus Road when we won 5-2.

Slovan looked a team desperately short on ability ... there was little effort or aggression and their tactics at our place were unusual, to say the least.

They had to win — or draw 4-4! — to progress, but the Czechs began with a defensive 5-4-1 formation. Yes, just one front runner, Marian Masny, the 25-year-old "wonder boy".

He did nothing at Wembley when we beat the Czechs 3-0 and from what I've seen of him, Masny appears to be a player who is at his best in front of his own supporters.

Magnificent

Having said this, don't let me detract from two outstanding performances by the lads, especially the 3-3 draw in Bratislava.

Apart from a lapse at Loftus Road when the Czechs scored two quick goals, the boys were magnificent.

I think that when they were 4-0 ahead at home, a little complacency, perhaps understandable — crept in, but Rangers hit back to score a "killer" fifth goal.

My only concern is that we are still not really hitting our best form in the League.

It's all very well progressing in two Cup competitions — we face Arsenal on November 30th in the League Cup Quarter-Finals — but our League position is also vitally important.

Strange things can happen in Cups — a couple of bad results for one reason or another ... and the season can fall very flat.

So while I'm delighted that we are in the running for two "pots", I'd be even happier if we were really challenging for the Championship instead of trying to keep up with the leading pack.

We have certainly lifted our game for the Cup-ties, but West Ham are in the back of my mind.

They reached the Final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup, yet fal-



Their best-known star is Wolfgang Overath, holder of 81 international caps.

You may remember Overath, now 33, played against England in the 1966 World Cup Final.

He's a left-sided midfielder of the highest quality and is still rattling in a few goals.

His partner in the middle is Heinz Flohe, 28, who made a good impression for West Germany during the European Championship last summer. Flohe is a hard-worker who gives 100 per cent for his side.

Cologne also have three aces up front. Hannes Löhr is a familiar name — he's 34, but I understand continues to be as dangerous as any winger in Germany.

Löhr played against England in Leon in the 1970 World Cup. He is third in the list of all-time top-scorers in the Bundesliga with 158 goals at the start of 1976/77, 146 behind Gerd Müller.

Cologne created a new German record this summer by paying £250,000 to FC Bruges for striker Roger van Gool, who played against Liverpool in the U.E.F.A. Cup Final

stiffest challenge'

last season.

The third member of Cologne's strike-force is young Dieter Müller, who scored a hat-trick on his international debut against Yugoslavia in the European Championship Semi-Finals.

The 24-year-old centre-forward has carried on where he left off in the summer and had scored 10 goals in the first 11 Bundesliga matches this season.

Dieter is completely different from his namesake Gerd (no relation) except that they both score goals regularly!

While Gerd is stocky and rarely gets headed goals, Dieter is tall and, as we saw in the European Championship Finals, knows how to use his head.

Cologne's manager is a friend of Dave Sexton's — 56-year-old Hennes Weisweiler.

He is back in Germany after a season with Barcelona. Weisweiler is the man who built Borussia Mönchengladbach into one of Europe's top sides.

We played Borussia a couple of years ago on a pre-season tour of Germany — and won 4-1.

Like Dave, Weisweiler is an advocate of attacking football which shows in Cologne's results since he took over this season.

The Germans have averaged 2.5 goals per game in the Bundesliga — three at home, where they were unbeaten after their first five matches.

I'm a firm admirer of German football — possibly because it is so close to our own style.

Games between English teams and

German sides are invariably thrillers and I expect our two ties to carry on this tradition.

Ideally, I would like at least a 2-0 lead to take to Cologne for the return.

3-1 would not be quite as good because away goals count double, of course, in the event of an aggregate draw.

Before Cologne, Jackie Charlton's Middlesbrough visit Loftus Road (November 20th).



LEFT... 'Slovan's slack defence lets Stan Bowles have a free header at goal — and we're 3-0 up at Loftus Road.'

BELOW... '1.F.C Cologne's West German international striker Dieter Müller celebrates a goal against Grasshoppers in the U.E.F.A. Cup Second Round.'



We won last season's game 4-2 after being behind at one stage and we could do with a convincing win to give us a boost for the West Germans.

December promises to be a busy month — Manchester United, Liverpool and Leeds are just three of our opponents.

But just before the Christmas month we play a League Cup tie against Arsenal on November 30th and I'll be taking an in-depth look at this match next week.

Until then,

Gerry Francis

For Third Division sides



it's a hard F.A. Cup

CLUBS from the Third and Fourth Divisions will not be interested in League matches next Saturday, but they won't be idle. For them it's F.A. Cup time again and they will be lining up for the first stage of the annual marathon that will end at Wembley next May.

It is unlikely that any of next Saturday's starters will enjoy the

fame and glory of a place in the Final. But all of them will take the field on Saturday (November 20th) with fingers crossed and high hopes that at least they will make progress through the First and Second Rounds and earn the chance of a money-making tie against one of the Big Boys when the Third Round comes up in the New Year.

Unfortunately, some must fall at the first hurdle and in these difficult times when success means so much to the survival of many Third and Fourth Division clubs, this is a tragedy, for there is no second chance in the Cup.

SHOOT/GOAL thought it would be interesting to trace the Cup performances of clubs who have spent three or more seasons in the Third Division since 1960. Our detailed chart covering the last 16 seasons showing the Round in which each of the clubs was knocked out of the competition, provides some astonishing facts.

You will see that only once during that 16-year period has a team from the Third reached the Semi-

Finals. That was Crystal Palace last season, after their giant-killing acts against Leeds, Chelsea and Sunderland.

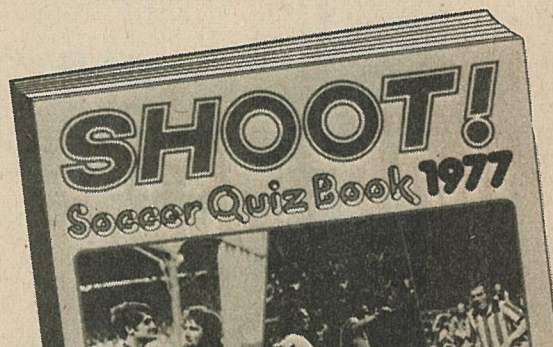
Half a dozen clubs reached Round Six before suffering defeat — Barnsley (1960-61), Coventry (1962-63), Hull City (1965-66), Mansfield (1968-69) when they lost by a solitary goal to Leicester City after a glorious 3-0 victory over West Ham in the Fifth Round, Peterborough (1964-65) and Wrexham (1973-74).

The Welshmen achieved their best-ever Cup performance by beating Jack Charlton's Middlesbrough, who later took the Second Division Championship, Southampton and Crystal Palace before succumbing 1-0 at Burnley after a courageous effort to reach the Semi-Finals.

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	61	62	73	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	Total
ALDERSHOT																	6(3 seasons)
BARNLEY	6	2	3	5	2				3	3	2	2					28(9 seasons)
BARROW								3	2	2							7(3 seasons)
BLACKBURN R.												1	2	3	3		9(4 seasons)
BOLTON W.												4	5				9(2 seasons)
BOURNEMOUTH	3	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	1		3	3	3	2		30(14 seasons)
BRADFORD C.	2									3	2	1					7(4 seasons)
BRENTFORD	1	3		4	3	2	1						1				15(7 seasons)
BRIGHTON			1			2	4	2	2	2	2			1	3	3	24(11 seasons)
BRISTOL C.	4	3	3	4	3												17(5 seasons)
BRISTOL R.		1	4	3	1	3	3	5	2	2	3	1	3				33(12 seasons)
BURY	1							3	1	2				4	4		15(6 seasons)
CHARLTON A.													3	1	2		6(3 seasons)
CHESTERFIELD	3										2	3	2	1	3	1	15(7 seasons)
COLCHESTER	2		1	2	2	1	3							2	1		14(8 seasons)
COVENTRY C.	3	2	6	2													13(4 seasons)
CRYSTAL PAL.	3	2	2											2	SF		16(5 seasons)
DONCASTER								1		2	1						4(3 seasons)
GILLINGHAM						2	1	2	1	2	5	1			1	2	17(9 seasons)
GRIMSBY T.	1	1			2	4	1	1					4	3	2	1	20(10 seasons)
HALIFAX	2	1	2							1	1	1	2	2	2	3	17(10 seasons)
HEREFORD														4	2	3	9(3 seasons)
HULL CITY	3	2	3	3	2	6	3										22(7 seasons)
LUTON T.						3	3			3	2						11(4 seasons)
MANSFIELD	2			1	2	1	4	1	6	5	2	2				2	28(11 seasons)
MILLWALL			2	1	2											2	7(4 seasons)
NORTHAMPTON	3	1						1	3								8(4 seasons)
NOTTS CO.	1	3	1	2								4	3				14(6 seasons)
OLDHAM A.					3	3	3	3	1	1			1	1	4		20(9 seasons)
ORIENT								2	4	1	1						8(4 seasons)
OXFORD U.						1	1	1									3(3 seasons)
PETERBOROUGH		4	3	1	6	2	4	3							5	4	32(9 seasons)
PLYMOUTH A.										1	2	1	1	4	3	4	16(7 seasons)
PORT VALE	3	5	4	4	2							1	3	3	3	1	31(11 seasons)
PRESTON N.E.															3	2	6(3 seasons)
QUEENS P.R.	2	3	3	3	2	3	3										19(7 seasons)
READING	3	1	1	2	4	3	2	3	3	1	3						26(11 seasons)
ROCHDALE											1	4	1	1	2		9(5 seasons)
ROTHERHAM										2	3	3	4	2		2	16(6 seasons)
SCUNTHORPE						1	1	2	2					3			9(5 seasons)
SHREWSBURY	3	4	3	1	5	5	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	1	3		41(15 seasons)
SOUTHEND U.	2	1	2	1	1	3							1	3	3	5	22(10 seasons)
SOUTHPORT										3	2	1				1	7(4 seasons)
STOCKPORT CO.										1	3	2					6(3 seasons)
SWANSEA C.							1	2					4	4	1		12(5 seasons)
SWINDON T.	2	1	4				3	5	4	3					4	3	29(9 seasons)
TORQUAY	2	2						1	1	2	1	4	3				16(8 seasons)
TRANMERE R.	2								5	1	4	1	4	2	2	3	24(9 seasons)
WALSALL	1			1	1	4	3	4	3	3	2	4	2	2	5	1	36(14 seasons)
WATFORD	3	3	4	2	1	2	3	3	4					3	2	1	31(12 seasons)
WORKINGTON						3	1	2									6(3 seasons)
WREXHAM	1		3	2								1	3	2	6	1	20(9 seasons)
YORK C.	3					1							2	3	1		9(5 seasons)

It was a great performance, yet in their nine seasons of Third Division football since 1960 Wrexham have only twice reached the Third Round and on four occasions were knocked out in the First — but that's Cup football!

There are many other instances of success and failure experienced by Third Division clubs if you study the chart. Look at Bournemouth's in-and-out fortunes.

During their 14 seasons in this Division since 1960 they have never progressed beyond Round Three, yet only on four occasions did they fall at the first hurdle.

Brighton, with four appearances in the Fifth Round between 1930 and 1960, have had a very poor Cup record during their last 10 seasons in the Third. Their best per-

Crystal Palace reached the Semi-Finals last term before being knocked out by Southampton (right). Peterborough's John Cozens (below, right) scores v. Manchester United last term. United won 3-1.



Shrewsbury Town's performances in the Cup are worth mentioning.

During 15 seasons in the Third since 1960 they lined up in the Third Round nine times, reaching the Fifth in 1965, when they beat Manchester City and Millwall before going down with honour to Leeds United, and again the following season when Chelsea ended Shrewsbury's fine Cup run.

Walsall have an honoured place among the Cup giant-killers and although their now legendary victory over mighty Arsenal was way back in 1933, they have maintained their proud reputation in their more recent Cup escapades.

Only four times in the last 14 seasons as members of the Third have they failed at the first hurdle. On three occasions they went to the Fourth Round and two seasons ago went on another giant-killing crusade, beating Manchester United and Newcastle United, with that little sharpshooting terror Alan Buck-

life

formance was Round Four in 1966-67. But if Alan Muller's lads can keep up their early season League Cup successes when they start the battle for the F.A. Cup against Crystal Palace they could cause a few more sensations.

The Gillingham fans have had little to cheer about in the Cup. During the Kent club's last nine seasons in the Third they have only once proceeded beyond Round Two, as you can see from our chart.

Yet in 1969-70 they reached the Fifth Round, although it must be said they never met any of the senior sides and finally fell to Watford, then struggling in Division Two.

The Cup record of Halifax Town is even worse. In 10 seasons since 1960 they only once went into the Third Round draw — last season, in fact, when they were dismissed by Ipswich Town.

You may also be surprised to see from our chart that Millwall failed to reach the Third Round in any of their four recent seasons in the Third Division, yet in 1937 they became the first team from that section to reach the Semi-Finals of the Cup.

Season 1970-71 was a bad one for the clubs. Ten of them were dismissed in Round One — among them Aston Villa and Fulham and only five appeared in Round Three.



Wrexham battled through to the 1973-74 Sixth Round before losing to Burnley (above).

By the way, Villa and Fulham have both had two seasons in the Third since 1960 and each failed to reach the Second Round in either season!

But let's look at a few of the more successful Cup records of the clubs on our chart.

Queens Park Rangers had seven seasons in the Third since 1960 and only on two occasions did they fail to join the Big Boys in Round Three, although on those five appearances they never managed to win a place in the next Round.

Swindon Town's record is even better. During their last nine seasons in the Third they suffered defeat in the First Round only once. That was in 1961-62 when non-Leaguers Kettering Town put them out in a replay.

Seven times Swindon reached Round Three, went into the Fourth on four occasions and in 1966-67 reached the Fifth. It might have been the Sixth because The Railwaymen only went under to Nottingham Forest in a second replay.

But for sheer consistency

lay along the goals, and then in the Fifth Round succumbed by only the odd goal in three against Birmingham City at St. Andrews.

However, if we sum up the performances of Third and Fourth Division clubs since 1960 pride of place must go to Peterborough, who begin this season's hunt for Cup glory away at Tranmere.

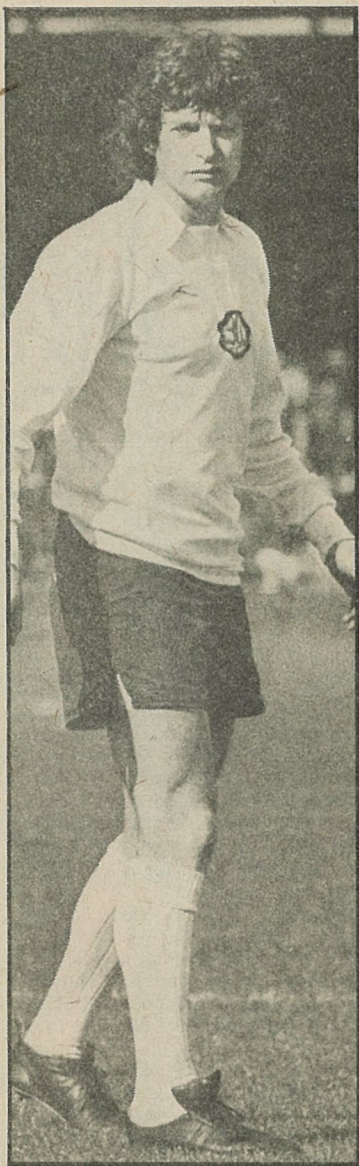
Awarding points for each season's Cup games — One for defeat in the First Round; two in the Second, and so on, our chart shows Peterborough with 32 points in nine seasons, an average of 3.5 per season.

Only once in those nine seasons did they leave the Cup at the first hurdle; on three occasions they reached the Fourth Round, including last season when they made a glorious exit after their wonderful battle against Manchester United at Old Trafford; gave Middlesbrough a fright in the Fifth Round in 1975, losing in a gallantly-fought replay at Ayresome Park, and achieved their finest Cup run in 1965 when they raced to the Sixth Round, beating Arsenal on the way, but were eventually k.o'd by Chelsea.

That's all in the past, of course, now comes a new Cup chapter in the histories of the clubs in the Third grade. The race begins next Saturday. We wish all the runners the best of luck.

SCORE A 100 SOCCER CENTURY

Tackle this quiz, section by section, checking your answers with those printed upside down beneath each section. Award yourself four points for each correct answer. Then add up your scores and see how close you are to the maximum total of 100



SENT-OFF

The players listed have all been sent-off this term. Which clubs were they playing for when dismissed?

1. Willie Johnston
2. Tom Finney
3. Steve James
4. Willie Morgan (below, left)
5. David Shaw

ANSWERS

1. West Brom. 2. Cambridge United. 3. York City. 4. Bolton. 5. Oldham.

EUROPE

The Second Round second-legs of the three European Cup competitions were played recently. Can you select the correct aggregate scores?

1. Liverpool v. Trabzonspor (2-1, 3-1, 4-1)
2. Hearts v. Hamburg (3-8, 4-8, 5-8)
3. Southampton v. Carrick (7-3, 8-3, 9-3)
4. Derby v. A.E.K. Athens (2-3, 3-4, 2-5)
5. Oesters v. Hibs (2-1, 3-2, 4-3)

ANSWERS

1. 3-1. 2. 3-8. 3. 9-3. 4. 2-5. 5. 4-3.

LEADERS

The clubs below all headed their respective Divisions after the League games played on Saturday, October 30th. Can you remember how many points each club had gained?

FIRST: Liverpool
SECOND: Chelsea
THIRD: Brighton
FOURTH: Bradford City
SCOTTISH PREMIER: Dundee United

ANSWERS

1. 18. 2. 19. 3. 19. 4. 20. 5. 12.

CHECK YOUR RATING

88-100 ... Excellent. 80-84 ... Very Good. 68-76 ... Good. 52-64 ... Average. Under 48 ... Never mind, try again next week.

YOUR OVERALL TOTAL

NORTHERN IRELAND

1. Who was in charge of the national side before Danny Blanchflower?
2. Can you pick out the Northern Ireland international from the following — Gerry Daly, Pat Rice, Steve Heighway?
3. Pat Jennings (right) or Terry Neill holds the record number of full caps?
4. Holland and Belgium are two countries in the same World Cup qualifying group as the Irish ... can you name the other one?
5. Where do Northern Ireland play their home games?

ANSWERS

1. Dave Clements. 2. Pat Rice. 3. Pat Jennings. 4. Iceland. 5. Windsor Park.

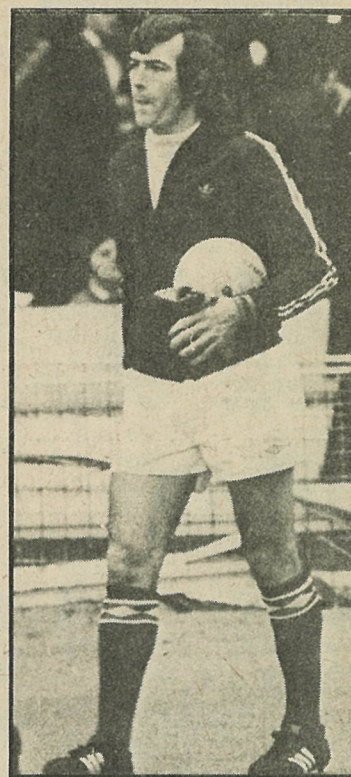
LEAGUE CUP

The Fourth Round of the League Cup was played recently. Can you answer the questions below about the ties?

1. Who scored Arsenal's winning goal in their 2-1 victory against Chelsea?
2. Brave Third Division Wrexham lost 3-1, 4-1 or 5-1 to Aston Villa?
3. Did Andy King or Bob Latchford score two goals for Everton in their 3-0 victory over Coventry?
4. Bolton drew 1-1 with which Fourth Division club?
5. What was the half-time score between West Ham and Q.P.R.?

ANSWERS

1. Frank Stapleton. 2. 5-1. 3. Andy King. 4. Swansea. 5. 1-0 to Q.P.R.



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Down: (1) Kennedy. (2) Elland. (3) Gets. (4) Any. (6) Idol. (7) So. (8) Hearts. (10) Feet. (14) Glebe. (16) Madeley. (17) Me. (19) Gain. (21) Echoes. (22) Eton. (24) Reset. (25) Nil. (27) Side. (29) Fat. (30) Net. (33) By.

Jumbled Name: EDDIE GRAY

Captain Chris Nicholl spells out

WHY VILLA WILL BE VICTORIOUS

CHRIS Nicholl has two outstanding ambitions — one is to help Aston Villa win the First Division Championship, and the other is to travel with Northern Ireland to Argentina for the World Cup.

But Chris realises that a lot of hard work lies ahead to make the dreams attainable at club and country level, even if Villa have had promising League results and Northern Ireland surprised the soccer world with their 2-2 draw against Holland.

Fortunately, the big centre-half relishes a challenge, and he admits that his hardest struggle to date in his football career took place when he joined Villa from Luton Town in March, 1972.

Nicholl recounts: "Everything was on such a huge scale at Villa Park that I thought I would never settle down. The football we played on the field seemed somehow to be dwarfed by the size of the ground, the facilities that were available, and the reputation of the club itself."

Yet Chris did settle down and he helped his club beat Norwich City in the 1975 League Cup Final.

And now he hopes to see the Villa reputation given a further boost by the club topping the table, pointing out that there are valid reasons why the Midlanders can be successful this season.

"First of all, when we came up from the Second Division in 1974-75, we had only two or three players who were used to Division One soccer. Now the situation is different, and players like Andy Gray and Ray Graydon are just two examples of the talent in our side.

"There was plenty to learn when we were promoted, and I think we've learned our lessons the hard way.

"Last season after we beat Manchester United in the League I believed we could finish in the top six, but we still had a period of adjustment ahead.

"And this is not unusual. Sunderland are struggling to find the right blend, and it is difficult for their new men to strike up a good understanding. We've accomplished this, already improved on last term's disastrous away record, and tightened up substantially in defence.

"About Bob Lee, Sunderland's centre-forward — he'll be a very good player for them. When we beat them at Roker in October, things weren't coming off for him but that can change. Bob has skill, and just needs to develop his confidence and throw his weight around a little more.

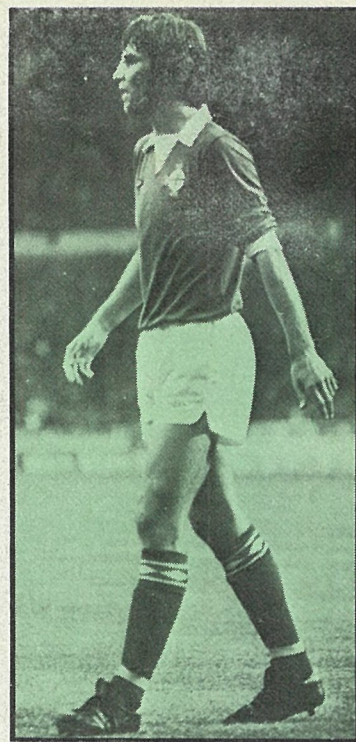
"And one more point about our game at Sunderland — Alex Cropley showed the kind of match-winner we have in the team by his beautiful chip over the goalkeeper's head for the goal that got the points."

As Villa's skipper, and playing in the middle of the back-four, Nicholl

is naturally concerned that his defence works efficiently — and is aware of differences between it and the rearguard at his old club, Luton.

He says: "Malcolm Macdonald was with Luton then and we probably lived on his back by concentrating too much on defence — then looking for a breakaway by Malcolm to get us a goal. Here at Villa there is more of an all-round balance in the side, starting at the back, through midfield and up-front.

"Take our 'keeper, John Burridge. He is the most dedicated professional I have met anywhere, and gives other defenders and myself confidence. And in the Northern Ireland team I have been lucky to play in front of the great Pat Jennings.



"It was while making my debut for Northern Ireland that I got my biggest-ever thrill in football by scoring in the sixth minute — though playing in the League Cup Final at Wembley was also unforgettable.

"And I've a lot of faith in Danny Blanchflower's ability to mould Northern Ireland into a fine side — he is never overawed by the opposition and he instills the will-to-win in his players, which is essential in a national squad."



Chris Nicholl marshalling his defence (right) and in the Northern Ireland colours (above).



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